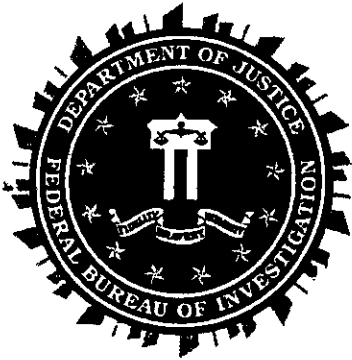




FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS

SUBJECT Richard F, McCoy



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NR001 DN PLAIN

1:33AM URGENT 4-8-72 RDE

TO: DIRECTOR, SALT LAKE CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, LAS VEGAS

FROM: DENVER (164-120)

UNSUB; AKA [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, DENVER
TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN SEVENTYTWO, CAA DASH HIJACKING. b7C
OO: SALT LAKE.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU AND DENVER APRIL SEVEN LAST.

INTERVIEW OF ALL TICKET AGENTS, CUSTOMER SERVICE
REPRESENTATIVES, BAGGAGE PERSONNEL WHO HANDLED INSTANT
FLIGHT AND ADJACENT FLIGHTS ON CONCOURSE B SERVING UNITED
AIRLINES DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION TO RECALL OR IDENTIFY
UNSUB.

FLIGHT CONTROL PERSONNEL WHO HANDLED CAPTIONED
FLIGHT CANNOT RECALL UNSUB BASED ON DESCRIPTION.

UNSUB USING NAME [REDACTED] MADE TELEPHONE RESERVATION THREE b7C
THIRTYNINE PM, MARCH THIRTYONE LAST FOR CAPTIONED FLIGHT, BUT
GAVE NO CONTACT PHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS. TICKET PURCHASED BETWEEN
ONE THIRTY PM AND TWO PM APRIL SEVEN AT UAL RESERVATION
COUNTER, ISSUED TICKET ONE FIVE FIVE SEVEN TWO THREE ZERO
FOUR EIGHT FIVE. CLERK WHO HANDLED TELEPHONE RESERVATION
UNABLE TO RECALL INCIDENT. TICKET CLERK WHO SOLD TICKET
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CANNOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL SALE OR UNSUB.

INQUIRY OF AIRLINE PERSONNEL DOES NOT IDENTIFY ANY PASSENGER AGENT OR AIRLINE EMPLOYEE WHO ALLEGEDLY FOUND AN ENVELOPE IN AIRPORT RESTROOM, WHICH ENVELOPE ALLEGEDLY ENDED UP IN POSSESSION OF UNSUB.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

UAL FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, BEING SEVEN TWENTY SEVEN, ENROUTE DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, DIVERTED IN FLIGHT BY UNSUB. UNSUB REPORTEDLY CONFRONTED CAPTAIN IN COCKPIT DISPLAYING HAND WEAPON AND POSSIBLY EXPLOSIVES, WHEN PLANE THIRTYFIVE MILES NORTHWEST OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. FLIGHT EIT FI FI, ^{8 5 5}
~~per Hijacker Instructions~~
~~034 8 8, 7:589~~, LANDED SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT APPROXIMATELY FOUR TWENTY PM, INSTANT.

HIJACKER DEMANDED FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH BE PLACED IN TWO SUITCASES AND FOUR PARACHUTES. UNSUB INSTRUCTED NO FLUORESCENT POWDER, MARKED MONEY OR RADIOS IN PARACHUTES. FURTHER STATED NO PASSENGERS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO DEPLANE PRIOR TO PAYMENT OF MONEY AND RECEIVING PARACHUTES.

FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE REFUELED PER INSTRUCTIONS OF HIJACKER, PARACHUTES MADE AVAILABLE, AND FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH DELIVERED TO HIJACKER. AS OF SEVEN THIRTY PM, ONLY FIVE CREW MEMBERS, INCLUDING TWO STEWARDESSES, AND HIJACKER REMAIN ABOARD AIRCRAFT. FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE DEPARTED SF SEVEN THIRTY PM, HEADING EASTERLY DIRECTION.

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FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY SAN FRANCISCO:

WHITE. MALE, AMERICAN, AGE TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY, FIVE FEET SEVEN TO FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY TO ONE FIFTYFIVE POUNDS, THIN BUILD, SANDY TO LIGHT BROWN HAIR, ROUGH COMPLEXION, POCK MARKED FACE, NO ACCENT, WEARING DARK BLUE DOUBLE KNIT BELL BOTTOM SLACKS AND DARK BLUE JACKET, WHICH TWO PIECES OF CLOTHING DID NOT MARCH, BROWN AND YELLOW SHOES, CARRYING BLACK ATTACHE CASE, WENT INTO RESTROOM ABOARD PLANE IN FLIGHT AND CAME OUT WEARING BLACK WIG.

SALT LAKE CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE DATA TO DENVER, AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COMPOSITE DRAWING FOR UTILIZATION IN ADDITIONAL DENVER INVESTIGATION.

UNSUB CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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END



FIRST SECURITY STATE BANK

P.O. BOX 149 MAIN AT BROADWAY

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84110

July 10, 1973

This will acknowledge receipt on above date of \$1,000.00 in one hundred dollar denominations, which was taken from \$499,970.00. (Bundle 2) With the following Serial Numbers:

SERIES

SERIAL NUMBER

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Witnesses:

Clifton R. [Signature]
U.S. Attorney

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Date

4-9-72

Title and Character of Case

RICHARD FLOYD MCCOY JR. ~~AKA~~
CAN

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
4-9-72	360 So 2 nd E - Provo Utah

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
SU	Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

- Box containing the following
1. 1-Sports Jacket returned to wife
 2. 2 flight Suits returned to Utah air Nat'l Guard
 3. 1 BLACK JUMP SUIT returned to wife
 4. 3 Plastic Bags
 5. 1 Pair white gloves
 6. 1 mask
 7. 1 Holster and belt with cartridge holder returned to wife
 - *8. 1 Box Winchester 45 Ammo } 6 USM
 - *9. 1 partial Box " " " " } 18174
 10. 2 Altimeters returned to Bureau
 11. 1 Rope
 12. 1 Relay watch returned to wife

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13. 1 Roll machine tape

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* Can Vault

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Ret 6/30/72

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Date

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Title and Character of Case

Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr. CAA

Date Property Acquired

4-9-72

Source From Which Property Acquired

360 South 200E. Provo, Utah.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

1. Portable electric typewriter in case; Smith Corona
MIL I-16918 Returned to wife
2. Portable electric typewriter in case; Smith Corona.
Model alpha 120. Returned to Denise Buras

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Title and Character of Case

Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr.; CAA

Date Property Acquired

4-9-72

Source From Which Property Acquired

360 S. 200 E. Provo, Utah

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

Left hand black glove - cut out knuckles destroyed

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UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 855
DENVER, COLORADO TO LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
4/7/72; CAA - HIJACKING (OO:SU)

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
4/8/72	UAL plane #7426
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Bulky Exhibit	Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

- to lab*
4/8/72
Rest 5/31/72
1. Six seatbelts 6 UAL
 2. Eight latent lifts of unknown value *destroyed*
 3. ---One-film-pack-of-photographs-of-latent-lifts

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RICHARD FLOYD MC COY
UAL Flight No. 855, From Denver, Colorado to
Los Angeles, California
CAA - HIJACKING

Date Property Acquired

4/10/72

Source From Which Property Acquired

Provo, Utah

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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Bulky

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

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1. One olive drab colored parachute, bearing serial number
67-71. *Returned to Para - left - Oakland*

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Title and Character of Case

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY JR.
CAA

Date Property Acquired 4/9/72	Source From Which Property Acquired Search, 360 So. 2nd East Springville, Utah
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Bulky Exhibit Room	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

- 1- Faded OD Canvas Carrying bag Returned [redacted]
1-Black Parachute Harness Returned to owner - [redacted] 12/18/73
1-Black Helmet Returned [redacted]
1-Blue and White Parachute Returned to [redacted] 12/18/73
1-Piece of Soil from Parachute discharged

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By SA [redacted]

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*Not worst 6/27/72
But 6/30/72*

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1-Bulky Exhibit Tickler File
1-Bulky Exhibit

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UAL Flight No. 855
Denver to Los Angeles, 4/7/72
CAA - HIJACKING

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
4/8/72	From hijacked aircraft

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Bulky Exhibit	Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

1. Hijacker's flight Plans; demand note *destroyed*
2. Contents of forward waste container *destroyed*
3. Miscellaneous paper material from hijacker's seat - 19A, B, C *destroyed*
4. As Above - 20D, E, F *destroyed*
5. As Above - 20A, B, C *destroyed*
6. As Above - 19D, E, F *destroyed*
7. Waste papers from port side rear restroom *destroyed*
8. As Above *destroyed*
9. Waste papers starboard side, rear restroom *destroyed*
10. Latent prints, rear restroom, port side *destroyed*
11. Pieces of hijacker's mirror, rear loading steps. *destroyed*

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Date 4-9-72

Title and Character of Case

**RICHARD FLOYD MC COY JR.
CAA - HIJACKING - INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS**

Date Property Acquired 4-8-72	Source From Which Property Acquired RESIDENCE AT 360 S. 2ND EAST PROVO, UTAH
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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

EVIDENCE

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Person Submitting Same

\$499,970 in U. S. currency.

*to USA
12/22/72*

2 currency 2nd (in Bulky Exhibit Room)

*(Currency
turned over to custody of
First Security State Bank
12/22/72 - See Serial 336)*

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Date 5/9/72

Title and Character of Case

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., aka
CAA - HIJACKING
INTEREERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS

Date Property Acquired 5/9/72	Source From Which Property Acquired Recovered in desert area of Nye County, Nevada.
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <i>Bulky Exhibit Room</i>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Evidentiary Value
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

1. Switlik 24 foot white nylon parachute, chest type, Serial No. 70-10727, Oakland, California. (See Las Vegas airtel to Salt Lake City, 5/5/72).

Returned - see let 6 SF 12/18/73

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1 - Bulky Exhibit
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Title and Character of Case

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CAA - HIJACKING
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS

Date Property Acquired 4/10/72	Source From Which Property Acquired 1969 VW, Provo, Utah
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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Bulky Exhibit Room	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Evidence
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

Soil from door jam of above vehicle; *destroyed*

Olive drab flight helmet in cloth carrying case. *Returned [redacted] b7C
states A in Nat'l H
12/18/73*

Ref 6/29/72

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Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr.; CAA

Date Property Acquired

4-9-72

Source From Which Property Acquired

360 S. 200 E. Provo, Utah.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

- 1 black .45 automatic; 1 magazine clip; 10 shells
 2. 1 black .45 magazine clip; 5 shells
 3. 1 silver .45 magazine clip; 10 shells
- out to court

Returned to U.S. Marshals
4/8/74 - receipt obtained
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Date 7/10/73

Title and Character of Case

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.

Date Property Acquired 7/10/73	Source From Which Property Acquired First Security State Bank
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Safety Deposit Box	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

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airtel air mail

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: *Q* SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) (P)

RE: UNSUB *aka* b7C

UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 855
DENVER, COLORADO TO
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
4/7/72
CAA - HIJACKING

OO: SU

Enclosed for the Bureau under separate cover, are eleven evidence envelopes containing physical evidence collected from interior of captioned hijacked aircraft upon its arrival at Salt Lake City, Utah.

It is requested the Bureau attempt to develop latent prints, make a typewriter comparison from the type-written flight plans; compare handwritten note with extortion note file; and attempt to determine manufacture of mirror.

<u>ENVELOPE</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>LOCATION OBTAINED</u>
No. 1	Hijacker's flight plans; Demand note	Pilot's Compartment
No. 2	Contents of forward waste container	Forward Restroom

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<u>ENVELOPE</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>LOCATION OBTAINED</u>
No. 3	Miscellaneous paper material from hijacker's seat	Seats 19 A,B,C,
No. 4	As Above	Seats 20 D,E,F,
No. 5	As Above	Seats 19, D,E,F
No. 6	As Above	Seats 20 A,B,C
No. 7	Waste papers from port side rear restroom	Rear restroom, Port side
No. 8	As Above	As Above
No. 9	Waste papers starboard side rear restroom	Rear restroom, Starboard side
No. 10	Latent prints	Rear Restroom Port side
No. 11	Pieces of hijacker's mirror	Rear loading Steps

Armed and Dangerous

NR013 WA PLAIN 7:10 AM

3:30AM URGENT 4-8-72 MXH FCO

TO DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES

LAS VEGAS

DENVER

SALT LAKE CITY

/////ALL OFFICES VIA WASH DC/////

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (164-NEW) 12 PAGES

UNSUB, AK [REDACTED] UNITED AIR LINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE b7C
FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES APRIL SEVEN, SEVENTYTWO, CAA-
HIJACKING, OO: DENVER.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, BUREAU
TELEPHONE CALLS TO SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL SEVEN LAST, AND SAN
FRANCISCO TELETYPE APRIL SEVEN LAST.

BUREAU HAS ADVISED THAT BUREAU ARTIST ARRIVED LOS ANGELES
THIS DATE PREPARE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUBJECT. WITNESSES
WHO CAN PROVIDE BEST DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT AS FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED]
GARDENA, CALIFORNIA,

[REDACTED]
ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA,

[REDACTED] UAL BASE, LOS ANGELES,

[REDACTED]
COLORADO,

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[REDACTED] b7C
GOLDEN, COLORADO.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ARE IN LOS ANGELES AT A CONVENTION.
WILL CONTACT LOS ANGELES OFFICE THIS DATE AS TO LOCATION IN LOS
ANGELES. IN ADDITION, [REDACTED] WHO REMAINED ABOARD b7C
AIRCRAFT ON DEPARTURE SAN FRANCISCO ARE IN POSITION TO FURNISH
DESCRIPTION: [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH BASED LOS ANGELES.

THE REMAINING CREW MEMBERS DEPARTED SAN FRANCISCO WITH
HIJACKER: [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED]

SAN FRANCISCO OBTAINING PAY OFF LIST WELLS FARGO CONSISTING
OF HUNDRED SIXTY PAGES. IN VIEW OF VOLUME SAME WILL BE MADE
CARRIED BY CAPTAIN UAL FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE ZERO, DEPARTING
SAN FRANCISCO EIGHT FORTYFIVE AM THIS DATE, ARRIVING DULLES AIRPORT
FOUR FORTYFIVE PM . BUREAU ADVISED MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WASHINGTON
FIELD OFFICE TO PICK UP. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED ON DEPARTURE OF
FLIGHT. [REDACTED] NAME AND ANY FURTHER DETAILS. b7C

MANIFEST ON SUBJECT FLIGHT CONTAINED NAMES EIGHTYFOUR
PASSENGERS. ALL PASSENGERS INTERVIEWED WITH EXCEPTION OF
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[REDACTED] AND AN INFANT CHILD. EIGHTYTWO PASSENGERS INTERVIEWED
ONE STEWARDESS, FOR A TOTAL EIGHTYTHREE INTERVIEWS.

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[REDACTED] DEPARTMENT
OF CORRECTIONS, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS. HE
STATED THAT HE ENTERED THE AIRPLANE AT DENVER, COLORADO WITH [REDACTED]

b7C

[REDACTED] AND THAT THEIR OTHER DESTINATION
WAS LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF THE AIRCRAFT.

[REDACTED] STATED HE FIRST OBSERVED SUBJECT WHEN SUBJECT
ENTERED THE RESTROOM OF THE AIRPLANE. AT THAT TIME [REDACTED]
NOTICED THAT THE SUBJECT HAD BROWN COLORED MEDIUM LENGTH HAIR.
WHEN THE SUBJECT CAME OUT OF THE BATHROOM AFTER A LENGTHY
PERIOD OF TIME [REDACTED] NOTED THAT HE WEARING WHAT APPEARED
TO BE BLACK WIG AND A MUSTACHE THAT APPEARED TO BE FALSE.

b7C

AFTER SUBJECT RETURNED TO HIS SEAT, [REDACTED] NOTED THAT SUBJECT
WAS GOING THROUGH A MANILA ENVELOPE AND TAKING OUT WHAT APPEARED
TO BE PIECES OF NOTEPAPER. [REDACTED] ALSO NOTED SUBJECT RUMMAGING
THROUGH A SMALL BLACK SUITCASE.

b7C

[REDACTED] SAID THAT APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR OUT OF DENVER
HE GOT UP AND WALKED PAST THE SUBJECT ATO GET A LOOK AT HIM AS
HE WAS SUSPICIOUS OF HIM, AND THAT ON HIS RETURN FROM THE
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RESTROOM HE NOTICED THAT THE SUBJECT WAS HOLDING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A HAND GRENADE. [] STATED THAT THE SUBJECT LOOKED UP AT [] AND MADE SURE THAT HE SAW THE HAND GRENADE AND THEN COVERED THE HAND GRENADE WITH HIS HAND. b7C

FROM THAT TIME FORWARD, [] NOTED THAT THE SUBJECT PASSED SEVERAL NOTES TO THE STEWARDESSES, WHO TOOK THEM TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE AIRCRAFT. [] DID NOT HEAR THE SUBJECT MAKE ANY VERBAL DEMANDS DURING THE FLIGHT. [] STATED THAT HE SAW THE SUBJECT MOVE FROM HIS SEAT AFTER HE HAD HAD THE OTHER TWO PASSENGERS ON THAT ROW MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT TO A WINDOW SEAT WHERE THE SUBJECT REMAINED THRUOUT THE HIJACKING. b7C

UPON LANDING AT THE SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT, THE STEWARDESS TOLD [] AND THE OTHER MAN SITTING IN HIS ROW TO LEAVE THEIR SEATS AND GO TO THE FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT [] REMAINED SITTING IN [] b7C

AFTER THE AIRCRAFT WAS ON THE GROUND THE SUBJECT MADE [] ACCOMPANY ONE OF THE CREW MEMEBERS OF THE AIRPLANE OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT AND RETRIEVE SOME BAGGAGE AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE SOME PARACHUTES. SHORTLY AFTER THE BAGGAGE WAS BROUGHT ON BOARD THE PASSENGERS WERE TOLD TO LEAVE THE AIRCRAFT AND BOTH [] AND [] LEFT THE AIRCRAFT AT [] TIME. b7C

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[REDACTED] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING

b7C

INFORMATION VOLUNTARILY AFTER HAVING BEEN ADVISED OF THE PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL IDENTITY OF INTERVIEWING AGENT AS WELL AS AFTER HAVING BEEN ADVISED OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT DURING NINETEEN SEVENTY HE WAS SERVING TIME FOR ESCAPE AT THE DEUEL VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE, TRACY, CALIFORNIA, AND ON OCTOBER SIX, SEVENTY ONE [REDACTED] WALKED AWAY FROM THE ABOVE FACILITY. HE ADVISED THAT ON APRIL SEVEN, SEVENTYTWO, HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING EXTRADITED FROM DENVER, COLORADO, BACK TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE WAS TO BE REASSIGNED TO SOME STATE OF CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

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HE STATED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRTY P.M., APRIL SEVEN, SEVENTYTWO, HE, IN THE CUSTODY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BOARDED A UNITED AIRPLANE IN DENVER, COLORADO, ENROUTE TO LOS ANGELES. HE STATED THAT HE [REDACTED]

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HE ADVISED HE AND [REDACTED] AND A WHEELCHAIR PASSENGER

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BOARDED THE AIRPLANE PRIOR TO ANY OTHER PASSENGERS COMING ON BOARD

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THE PLANE. HE STATED THAT AFTER ALL THE OTHER PASSENGERS HAD
BOARDED THE AIRPLANE, A STEWARDESS OVER THE PUBLIC ADDRESS
SYSTEM ASKED IF ANYONE WAS MISSING A MANILA ENVELOPE, AT WHICH
TIME A MALE PASSENGER WHO WAS LOCKED IN THE RESTROOM STEPPED
OUT OF THE RESTROOM MOMENTARILY, ADVISED THE STEWARDESS IT WAS
HIS, AT WHICH TIME THE ENVELOPE WAS GIVEN TO HIM AND HE RETURNED
TO THE MEN'S ROOM. (THIS INDIVIDUAL SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME THE
HIJACKER OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED AIRPLANE). [REDACTED] ADVISED AS THE b7C
PLANE WAS GETTING READY TO TAKE OFF FROM THE DENVER AIRPORT A
STEWARDESS WENT BACK TO THE RESTROOM IN ORDER TO GET THE ABOVE
INDIVIDUAL TO COME OUT OF THE RESTROOM AND RETURN TO HIS SEAT,
HOWEVER, THE PASSENGER WAS RELUCTANT TO COME OUT OF THE RESTROOM.

AT THIS TIME A MALE EMPLOYEE ON THE AIRPLANE CAME BACK TO
THE RESTROOM AND WAS SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THE ABOVE INDIVIDUAL
TO COME OUT OF THE BATHROOM AND TAKE HIS SEAT NEXT TO THE WINDOW
IN ROW TWENTY ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PLANE. A SHORT TIME
LATER THE PLANE BECAME AIRBORNE AND AT THIS POINT [REDACTED] OBSERVED b7C
THE HIJACKER ACTING NERVOUS AND APPEARED TO BE PLAYING WITH HIS
COAT AS IF HE MIGHT HAVE A GUN UNDERNEATH HIS COAT. [REDACTED]
ADVISED HE ALERTED [REDACTED] OF THE HIJACKER'S ACTIVITIES.
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[] STATED A SHORT TIME LATER A GREY HAired MAN WITH A MUSTACHE, BELIEVED TO BE AN AIRLINES EMPLOYEE, CAME BACK TO THE AREA WHERE THE HIJACKER WAS SEATED, ENGAGED THE HIJACKER IN CONVERSATION, AT WHICH TIME THE HIJACKER MOTIONED WITH HIS FINGER FOR THE GREY HAired MAN TO RETURN TO THE FRONT OF THE PLANE. b7C

HE STATED A SYORT TIME LATER OVER THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM A MALE VOICE ANNOUNCED THAT DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH THE HYDRALIC SYSTEM THE PLANE WOULD BE LANDING AT GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO. [] STATED HE CONTINUED TO OBSERVE THE HIJACKER WHO PERIODICALLY WOULD RING THE SERVICE BELL, AT WHICH TIME DIFFERENT STEWARDESSES WOULD COME BACK TO THE HIJACKER AND THE HIJACKER WOULD GIVE THE STEWARDESS NOTES. HE ADVISED THIS OCCURRED EIGHT OR TEN TIMES. HE STATED THE PILOT EVENTUALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE PLANE WOULD NOT BE GOING TO LOS ANGELES AS SCHEDULED BUT WOULD BE GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO. b7C

[] STATED THAT A SHORT DISTANCE OUT OF SAN FRANCISCO THE PILOT ANNOUNCED THAT THE PLANE WOULD NOT BE GOING TO THE NORMAL UNLOADING AREA AS ALL AREAS WERE BEING UTILIZED. HE
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ADVISED THAT THE PLANE AFTER LANDING WAS PARKED IN A POSITION AWAY FROM THE AIRLINE TERMINAL. HE ADVISED AT THIS TIME A STEWARDESS CAME BACK TO THE AREA WHERE HE AND [REDACTED] WERE SEATED AND THE STEWARDESS REQUESTED THAT [REDACTED] AS WELL AS THE OTHER PASSENGERS SEATED IN [REDACTED] MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE PLANE AND ALSO MADE THE REQUEST FOR A WOMAN AND A YOUNG CHILD SEATED DIRECTLY BEHIND HIM [REDACTED] ALSO MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE PLANE. HE ADVISED THAT THROUGHOUT THIS ACTIVITY HE OBSERVED THE HIJACKER SEATED ACROSS FROM HIM HOLDING A HAND GRENADE WITH THE PIN REMOVED. HE ADVISED THAT AFTER THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM HAD BEEN MOVED TO THE FRONT OF THE PLANE THE HIJACKER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A SHORT TIME LATER HE HANDED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE ADVISED THAT A SHORT TIME LATER A STEWARDNESS

ARRIVED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS ALSO [REDACTED]

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THE HIJACKER HAD REQUESTED THAT A LARGE BLUE PIECE OF LUGGAGE
BE BROUGHT BACK ONTO THE PLANE. [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ONE

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BLACK AND ONE TAN, AND A COUPLE OF OTHER ITEMS BELIEVED TO BE
PARACHUTES! BOARDED THE PLANE AND TOOK THE ABOVE ITEMS TO THE
RESTROOM IN THE REAR OF THE PLANE. HE ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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AT THIS TIME [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE DID NOT KNOW THIS INDIVIDUAL AND DOES
NOT RECALL EVER HAVING SEEN THIS INDIVIDUAL AND NOTICE NO OTHER
INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS HIJACKING.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THE HIJACKER IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: WM,
THIRTYFOUR TO THIRTYFIVE YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO NINE INCHES,
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HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE TO HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, WEARING A DARK WIG WHICH CAME DOWN IN FRONT TO EYEBROW LEVEL, COMBED BACK AROUND OVER HIS EARS, WEARING MIRROR TYPE SUNGLASSES, DARK PANTS, DARK COLORED JACKET. HE HAD A FAKE MUSTACHE, HAD SIDEBURNS DOWN TO THE MIDDLE OF THE FACE, CURVING TOWARD THE MOUTH ABOUT ONE INCH AND WERE SQUARED OFF. [REDACTED] BELIEVED HIS HAIR

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TO BE DARK BROWN, STATED HE WAS WEARING GLOVES, GOLF TYPE, BLACK IN COLOR, UPON ON TOP WITH A SNAP

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FOLLOWING COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OBTAINED FROM PASSENGERS AND CREW.

WM, TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTYFIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO TEN INCHES, HUNDRED THIRTYFIVE TO HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, DARK COMPLEXION, VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS SPANISH, ARAB, GREEK OR LEBANESE DESCENT. WEARING SMALL BANDAID LEFT SIDE OF NOSE TO JUST UNDER LEFT EYE, BLACK MUSTACHE, DESCRIBED AS THIN TO WIDE BUSHY, CURLED ON ENDS. SEVERAL WITNESSES DESCRIBE GOATEE, THIN WITH SQUARE SIDES, SHORT LENGTH, WEARING JET BLACK OR DARK BROWN WIG, CURLY OR WIRY, NOT PARTED, COMING DOWN ON FOREHEAD, STRAIGHT ACROSS JUST ABOVE EYEBROWS, COLLAR LENGTH IN BACK COMBED OVER THE EARS COVERING REAL HAIR DESCRIBED AS LIGHT BROWN WITH MEDIUM SIDEBURNS TO THE MIDDLE OF THE EAR. WIG DESCRIBED AS HAVING LONG SIDEBURNS TO BELOW THE EARLOBE. WEARING BLACK LEATHER GLOVES WITH HOLE IN TOP OF EACH GLOVE FASTENED WITH SNAP LIKE GLOF GLOVES, WITH THICK BLACK HAIR ON BACK OF HANDS, ALSO SEEN WITHOUT GLOVES AND DESCRIBED AS HAVING THICK FINGERS.

WEARING SUNGLASSES, POSSIBLY TWO DIFFERENT PAIRS, ONE PAIR DESCRIBED AS ROUND MOD STYLE WITH MIRROR LENSES AND GOLD

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RIMS, AND OTHER PAIR DESCRIBED AS DARK RIMS WITH DARK LENSES. GREY-BLUE EYES. WEARING SILVER OR CHROME WRISTWATCH, LARGE ROUND TYPE WITH CONSIDERABLE ART WORK OR NUMBERS ON FACE OF WATCH, EXPANDABLE BAND WITH U-SHAPE LINKS WORN ON LEFT WRIST.

CLOTHING DESCRIBED VARIOUSLY AS GREY BUSINESS SUIT OR DARK BLUE BUSINESS SUIT WITH STRIPES AND ALSO AS GREY OR BLUE HEAVY MATERIAL, POSSIBLY FLANNEL SPORT COAT WITH RED SPOTS OR STRIPES OR YELLOW PINSTRIPE. ALSO REPORTED AT TIMES TO BE CARRYING HEAVY BLUE OVERCOAT, WEARING YELLOW SHIRT WITH ALTERNATING

STRIPES AND TOWS OF BLUE-GREEN FLOWERS WITH POINTED TAB COLLAR, AND ALSO DESCRIBED AS DARK BLUE FLOWERED.

NECKTIE DESCRIBED AS WIDE AND DARK AND REPORTED AS LIGHT BLUE OR GREY. WITNESSES WHO DESCRIBED ATTIRE AS SPORT COAT STATE TROUSERS WERE EITHER DARK OR GREY WITH RED STRIPES. SHOES DESCRIBED AS BUSTER BROWN WITH BLUE PATENT LEATHER FRONT AND HEEL, SQUARE TOES AND GREY SUEDE SIDES.

FACE DESCRIBED AS NARROW, THIN, LONG, OVAL. RIGHT-HANDED.

VOICE DESCRIBED AS MEDIUM PITCH, NO ACCENT. CARRIED LARGE GUN IN HOLSTER, DESCRIBED AS BEING EITHER LUGER OR FORTYFIVE CALIBER AUTOMATIC WITH LONG, POSSIBLE SIX INCH BARREL, GUN METAL OR FLAT BLACK COLOR.

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ANY CORR ALL OFFICES CONTACT SAN FRAN

CORR IS ON PAGE FOUR LINE 14 FROM TOP LINE STARTS WITH
THEIR SEATS

THEIR SEATS AND GO TO THE FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT. b7C

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 FRANCISCO, ~~SPRINGFIELD~~

FROM, FBI, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

UNSUB., AKA UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE,
 DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN SEVENTYTWO, CAB-HIJACKING.

OO: SALT LAKE CITY. b7C

INSTANT

RE DENVER TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT ~~LAST~~ AND SALT
 LAKE CITY TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, APRIL SEVEN AND EIGHT.

UAL FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE REPORTED TO SALT LAKE FAA
 CENTER DEPARTED SAN FRANCISCO EIGHT FORTY-TWO PM, APRIL SEVEN,
 ENROUTE TOWARD COAL DALE, NEVADA, MARKER, ARRIVING AT NINE
 FIFTEEN PM. ARRIVED AT NEXT MARKER, TONOPAH, NEVADA, NINE
 TWENTY-FOUR PM, AND ~~AT~~ WILSON CREEK NEVADA, IS NEXT MARKER.
 APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-TWO MILES WEST OF WILSON CREEK MARKER,
 AT THIRTY-EIGHT DEGREES TWELVE MINUTES NORTH, ONEHUNDRED
 FIFTEEN DEGREES, SEVEN MINUTES WEST, PILOT BELIEVED PARACHUTE
 BEEPERS ACTIVATED, SUGGESTING HIJACKER LEFT AIRCRAFT BUT
 CHASE PLANE UNABLE TO CONFIRM.

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FLIGHT CONTINUED EAST AT FOURTEEN-THOUSAND FEET AT SPEED OF ABOUT ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY KNOTS AND NO ATTEMPT MADE TO CHECK CABIN SPACE WHERE HIJACKER BELIEVED TO BE. FLIGHT CONTINUED EASTERLY TO MILFORD, UTAH, MARKER, AND CONTINUED TOWARD HANKSVILLE, UTAH, MARKER. COURSE CHANGED AT TEN FOURTY PM OVER MARYSVALE, UTAH, TOWARD FAIRFIELD, UTAH, MARKER, NEAR PROVO, UTAH. AT DISTANCE NINE MILES SOUTH OF PROVO, FLIGHT REQUESTED COURSE CHANGE THROUGH PRICE, UTAH, MARKER TO GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, MARKER. COURSE CHANGED AND PILOT BELIEVED HIJACKER PARACHUTED FROM PLANE ON ONE HUNDRED DEGREE RADIAL *at 8 To 10* FROM FAIRFIELD MARKER. PILOT CHECKED AIRCRAFT AND DETERMINED *MILES* UNKNOWN SUBJECT NOT ON BOARD. FLIGHT LANDED AT SALT LAKE CITY.

RADAR AT SALT LAKE AIRPORT AND FAA INDICATED UNKNOWN SUBJECT DEPARTED AIRPLANE IN IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY OF PROVO, UTAH, AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN TWELVE PM. SEARCH IMMEDIATELY BEGUN WITH BY PREVIOUSLY ALERTED AGENTS ~~AND~~ POLICE AGENCIESX ARRIVING ~~ARRRXXINXTEKX~~ IN LIMITED FORCE APPROXIMATELY THIRTY MINUTES LATER AS AVAILABLE LIMITED FORCE HAD BEEN ENGAGED ON OTHER DUTY AT PRECISE TIME OF JUMP. COORDINATED SEARCH BEGUN ABOUT ELEVEN FOURTY PM. ROADBLOCKS ESTABLISHED AND FOOT SEARCHES COMMENCED AS WELL AS SUPPLEMENTAL LIMITED SEARCHES WITH

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HELICOPTORS FROM TWELVE MIDNIGHT ON WITH FLARES BEING DROPPED IN VICINITY. UTAH LAKE SITUATED WEST OF PROVO. AREA SOUTH EAST OF AIRPORT SWAMPY. PROVO RIVER ON NORTH SIDE OF CITY AND FULL AND DEEP AT THIS TIME. OVER TWO HUNDRED OFFICERS AND EIGHT DEPARTMENTS, DIRECTED BY FBI, BEING UTILIZED IN SEARCH EFFORTS. MAJOR SEARCH EFFORT COMMENCING PRIOR TO DAWN THIS DATE.

AT SALT LAKE AIRPORT HIJACKED AIRCRAFT SEARCHED BY BOMB EXPERTS AND NONE FOUND. NO WEAPONS LOCATED AND FINGERPRINTS OF QUESTIONABLE VALUE AS UNKNOWN SUBJECT WORE GLOVES. MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL OBTAINED DURING SEARCH, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHICH IS UNKNOWN. STEWARDESS RETAINED ONE NOTE PASSED TO CREW BY/^{UNKNOWN}SUBJECT, HOWEVER OTHER NOTES UTILIZED BY/^{UNKNOWN}SUBJECT RETURNED TO HIM AT HIS INSISTENCE. RECOVERED NOTE ON SMALL YELLOW MEMO-TYPE TABLET PAPER AND READS "EVERYBODY OFF NOW EXCEPT STEWARDESSES. THEY STAY PUT. GET THE HELL OFF THE GD. BE QUICK ABOUT IT -- USE THIS RUNWAY." TWO PRE-TYPED FLIGHT PLANES OF FOUR GIVEN CREW RECOVERED. AFTER SEARCH AIRCRAFT SECURED BY UAL OFFICIALS.

FLIGHT CREW CONSISTING OF [REDACTED]

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EMPLOYEES OF UAL AND STATIONED LOS ANGELES. CREW INTERVIEWED AT SALT LAKE AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION: WHITE; MALE; AMERICAN; AGE TWENTY-SEVEN TO THIRTY YEARS; FIVE FEET FIVE TO FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES; ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS; WEARING FALSE BLACK MOUSTACHE AND DARK BROWN OR BLACK WIG; HAIR POSSIBLY BLACK AND CURLY UNDER WIG; EYES GRAY-BLUE; WEARING MIRROR SUN-GLASSES; BLACK, BUSHY, HEAVY EYEBROWS; POSSIBLY THIN LIPS AND SMALL MOUTH; SLENDER BUILD BUT WITH HEAVY LEGS; SLIGHTLY PITTED CHEEKS; DARK COMPLEXION; NORMAL OR SLIGHTLY HIGH PITCHED VOICE; SEEMED COCKY; AND DESCRIBED AS KNOWLEDGEABLE CONCERNING AIRCRAFT AND PARACHUTING. BELIEVED TO HAVE CHANGED CLOTHING AND JUMPED IN MILITARY-TYPE JUMP SUIT, WITH BLACK HARD-TYPE HAT. UNSUB BELIEVED TO HAVE HAD HAND GRENADE AND AUTOMATIC OR REVOLVER OF DARK COLOR.

SEARCH CONTINUING. EVIDENCE BEING PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION TO FBI LABORATORY. LEADS BEING SET OUT BY OTHER COMMUNICATIONS. BUREAU BEING KEPT CURRENTLY ADVISED. PRESS INQUIRIES BEING ANSWERED. UAL OFFICIALS MADE CREW AVAILABLE FOR PRESS INQUIRY BUT INSTRUCTED THAT THEIR ANSWERS BE GENERAL IN NATURE. NO
END ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL BEING REQUESTED PENDING RESULT OF

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SUBJECT CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR

DENEVER

LOS ANGELES

SACRAMENTO

SALT LAKE CITY

SAN FRANCISCO

FROM NEW YORK 164- NEW

UNSUBS, CRIME ABOARD AIFCRAFT - HIJACKING UNITED AIRLINES
FLIGHT NUMBER EIGHT FIVE FIVE - CAA HIJACKING
EXTORTION

RE NEWARK TEL FOUR EIGHT SEVENTY TWO

AS REQUESTED BY NEWARK BACKGROUND SET FORTH RE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] SEAT NUMBER [REDACTED]

NYO INDICES NEGATIVE. NO CRIMINAL RECORD CAIRO, N.Y.

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EMPLOYED NURSE, [REDACTED] NEW YORK. PRIOR

EMPLOYMENT [REDACTED] NEBRASKA FOR SHORT DURATION AND

PRIOR TO THAT EMPLOYED AT [REDACTED] FOR LONG

DURATION. RESIDES [REDACTED]

CAIRO, N.Y., AND NATIVE OF CATSKILL AREA. AGE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALMONON LINDS, CALIF., NINE TWO THREE

NINE FOUR

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LAS VEGAS

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-NEW) 2P

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] UNITED AIR LINES LIIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, b7C
DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN, LAST. CAA - HIJACKING.
OO: DENVER.

RE SF TEL CALL TO SALT LAKE CITY AND SALT LAKE CITY TEL CALL TODAY.

[REDACTED] DBA [REDACTED] PARA -LOFT, [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] OAKLAND AIRPORT,

OAKLAND, CALIF., PACKED AND PROVIDED FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT IN CATIONED
MAITER:

TWO MAIN BACK PACKS, EACH CONSISTING OF TWENTY EIGHT TOOD SPORT
CHUTE, WHITE, OR ALTERNATING WHITE/ORANGE PANELS.
EACH MAIN CANOPY PACKED IN NYLON CLEEVE EIGHTEEN BY TWENTY INCHES,
FOURTEEN FEET WIDE. SLEEVES NORMALLY BRIGHT COLOR, SUCH AS ORANGE.
COLOR OF SLEEVES PROVIDED UNKNOWN.

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ATTACHED TO SLEEVE IS PILOT CHUTE, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY TWO INCHES IN DIAMETER WHEN FULLY INFLATED, NORMALLY WHITE IN COLOR. ONE PILOT CHUTE PROVIDED, POSSIBLY PINK IN COLOR. ALSO PROVIDED WERE TWO RESERVE SHEST PACKS, TWENTY FOUR FOOT, BOTH WHITE IN COLOR. ONE RESERVE (CHEST) PACK, BRAND NAME PIONEER, SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] STAMPED IN INDELIBLE INK LOCATED BETWEEN SUSPENSION LINES ONE AND TWENTY FOUR. SECOND RESERVE PACK, BRAND NAME SWITLIK, SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED] LOCATED AS ABOVE. IN ADDITION, TWO NORTH STAR ALTIMETERS, MOUNTED ON VELCRO WRIST MOUNTS, WERE PROVIDED.

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[REDACTED] OF POINION, IN VIEW OF UNSUB'S SPECIFIC REQUEST, UNSUB BELIEVED TO BE [REDACTED]

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) (P)

RE: UNSUB aka [REDACTED] b7C

UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 855
DENVER, COLORADO TO
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
4/7/72
CAA - HIJACKING
(OO: Salt Lake City)

Re Salt Lake City airtel to Bureau, 4/8/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau under separate cover are the following items obtained from the interior of captioned hijacked aircraft upon its arrival at Salt Lake City International Airport:

1. Six seatbelts
2. Eight latent lifts of unknown value
3. One film pack of photographs of latent lifts.

RICHARD F. MC COY, JR., 360 South 200 East, Provo, Utah, born 12/7/42 at Kingston, North Carolina, Social Security Number and Army serial number 237-66-2779, has been developed as suspect.

The Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to attempt to develop latent prints from seatbelt buckles and determine if enclosed latent lifts are of value. Compare any latent lifts of value with fingerprints of suspect MC COY.

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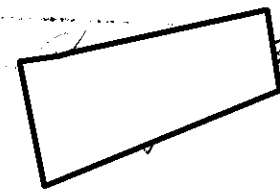
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TO DIRECTOR

SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

SAN FRANCISCO

FROM DENVER (164-120) 3P

UNSUB; AKA [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER ^{b7C}
EIGHT FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN LAST.
CAA - HIJACKING. OO SALT LAKE CITY.

RE DENVER TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED APRIL EIGHT LAST.

UNITED AIRLINES (UAL) 0-PASSENGER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
(PSR) LOCATED AT DENVER WHO RECALLS INCIDENT INVOLVING
BROWN MANILA ENVELOPE. PSR, WHO WAS NOT HANDLING UAL
FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE BUT WAS IN VICINITY WHEN FLIGHT
BOARDING, RECALLS THAT UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL, NOT A PERSON,
BOARDING FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, APPROACHED HIM AND HANDED
PSR A BROWN MANILA ENVELOPE APPROXIMATELY EIGHT BY TEN
INCH SIZE WHICH UNKNOWN MALE PARTY STATED FOUND LYING ON
LOUNGE CHAIR IN WAITING ROOM ADJACENT TO FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE
FIVE BOARDING AREA.

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PSR, SINCE FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE WAS ALREADY BOARDING, CALLED TO PLANE AND BROADCASTED THAT A MANILA ENVELOPE HAD BEEN FOUND IN THE WAITING ROOM. PSR GOT NO RESPONSE UNTIL PLANE WAS BEING "BUTTONED UP", WHEN UNKNOWN STEWARDESS, ORIENTAL IN APPEARANCE, CAME RUNNING FROM PLANE TO RAMP AND TOOK CUSTODY OF ENVELOPE STATING PASSENGER ABOARD FLIGHT LEFT ENVELOPE IN WAITING ROOM.

PSR UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANYONE FITTING DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB AND CANNOT ASSOCIATED INCIDENT WITH PARTICULAR PERSON.

SAN FRANCISCO IDENTIFY STEWARDESS WHO WAS IN CREW AND IF MATTER NOT ALREADY RESOLVED, ARRANGE FOR INTERVIEW OF STEWARDESS CONCERNING MANILA ENVELOPE AND IDENTIFICATION OF PASSENGER WHO OBTAINED SAME.

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEW OF UAL PERSONNEL SERVING IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES ON B CONCOURSE DURING AFTERNOON OF APRIL SEVEN LAST, FAILED TO LOCATE ANY MEMBER
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ABLE TO IDENTIFY UNSUB BASED ON AVAILABLE DESCRIPTION.

UNSUB ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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500 PM URGENT 4-8-72 PLS

TO: SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

FROM: CHARLOTTE (164-108) (P)

UNSUB, AKA, [REDACTED] UNITED AIR LINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE. b7C
FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYTWO;
CAA - HIJACKING; OO: DENVER.

RE SALT LAKE CITY TELEPHONE CALL TO CHARLOTTE, APRIL EIGHT,
NINETEEN SEVENTYTWO.

INQUIRIES AT FT. BRAGG DISCLOSED ONLY KNOWN SPECIAL FORCES
(SF) PERSONNEL FROM FT. BRAGG IN AREA ARE EIGHT NONCOMMISSIONED
OFFICERS AND OFFICERS AT LAME DEER, MONTANA, NONE IN UTAH.
ON APRIL SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYTWO, TWO SF PERSONNEL ARE
DEPARTING FT. BRAGG AS ADVANCED PARTY TO CAMP WILLIAMS, UTAH,
FOR TRAINING OF SF RESERVES AT CAMP WILLIAMS TO BE HELD IN
AUGUST, NINETEEN SEVENTYTWO.

INQUIRIES ALSO DISCLOSED HEADQUARTERS OF NINETEENTH SF
GROUP OF ARMY NATIONAL GUARD (OR RESERVES) LOCATED IN AREA OF
SALT LAKE CITY AND THEY ARE NOW BEGINNING ANNUAL TRAINING PHASE.
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ALSO, TENTH SF GROUP, FT. DEVENS, MASSACHUSETTS, ARE SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT TRAINING FIELD EXERCISE IN AREA OF SALT LAKE CITY DURING COMING WEEK AND MOST LIKELY HAVE HAD ADVANCE PERSONNEL IN THIS AREA.

SALT LAKE CITY MAY DESIRE TO MAKE INQUIRIES REGARDING NINETEENTH SF GROUP IN AREA AND EXERCISE BEING CONDUCTED IN AREA BY TENTH SF GROUP FROM FT. DEVENS.

INQUIRIES CONTINUING REGARDING SF PERSONNEL FROM FT. BRAGG ON LEAVE IN UTAH AREA.

END

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NR 003 LA PLAIN

236PM URGENT 4-8-72 LLS

TO DIRECTOR

SALT LAKE CITY

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-NEW) 2P

UNSUB, AKA, [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT
FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN, LAST.
CAA DASH HIJACKING.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7C

LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED

THIS DATE HE WAS SKIING AT ALTA, UTAH, SATURDAY, APRIL
ONE, LAST, AND ON LEAVING SKI AREA OBSERVED TWO PARACHUTES
JUMP FROM AIRPLANE IN AREA BETWEEN INTERSTATE FIFTEEN AND
RAOD LEADING TO LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON. AREA DESCRIBED
AS WEST OF ABOVE CANYON, NORTH OF PROVO, UTAH, AND SOUTH
OF SALT LAKE CITY. ABOVE OBSERVED BETWEEN TWO FIFTEEN P.M.
AND TWO FORTY FIVE P.M.

PLANE DESCRIBED AS SINGLE ENGINE WITH WING ABOVE

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FUSELAGE AND FLEW IN CIRCLES OVER AREA BEFORE AND AFTER
JUMP. PLANE NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. PARACHUTES DESCRIBED
AS ONE RED AND ONE MEDIUM DARK COLORED. DESCRIPTION
OF PARACHUTISTS UNKNOWN.

COULD PROVIDE NO FURTHER INFORMATION. b7C

ABOVE SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION SALT LAKE DIVISION.

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NR003 LV PLAIN

311 PM URGENT 4-8-72 MHE

TO DIRECTOR

DENVER

SALT LAKE CITY

SAN FRANCISCO

FROM LAS VEGAS 164-72

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] UNITED AIR LINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, b7C
DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN, LAST. CAA - HIJACKING.

RE LAS VEGAS TEL APRIL SEVEN LAST.

EXTENSIVE GROUND AND AIR SEARCH IN VICINITY OF ADAVEN,
NEVADA, RESULTED IN LOCATION OF ONE CHEST PACK PARACHUTE, WHITE.
CHUTE LOCATED AT THIRTYEIGHT DEGREES, THIRTEEN MINUTES NORTH AND
ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN DEGREES TWENTYONE MINUTES WEST.

NO INDICATION ANYTHING ATTACHED TO CHUTE AT ANY TIME AND
SHROUD LINES NOT COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN FROM PACK. NO BEEPER
ATTACHED OR LOCATED. ADDITIONAL SEARCH IN VICINITY DISCLOSED
NO OTHER PARACHUTE.

CHUTE DESCRIBED FURTHER AS SECOND RESERVE PACK, BRAND NAME
SWITLIK, SERIAL NO. ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO SEVEN.

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SAN-FRANCISCO FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED
CONCERNING LOCATION OF OTHER CHUTE.

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NR002 BU PLAIN

7:20 PM NITEL 4-8-72 TRR

TO SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

FROM BUFFALO (164-NEW) 1P

UNSUB; UNITED AIRLINESSEVEN TWENTYSEVEN JETLINER,
SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA,
APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYTWO
CAA-HIJACKING

RE BUFFALO TEL CALL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT. FOR INFORMATION

[REDACTED] ROCHESTER, N.Y.

TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED UNSUB MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH

[REDACTED] OGDEN, UTAH, [REDACTED] USAF, b7C

APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR TO NINETEEN FIFTYSIX. [REDACTED]

DESCRIBED AS: W/M, [REDACTED] FIVE FEET EIGHT

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
PROVO, UTAH UPON [REDACTED] [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED]

WOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH PARACHUTE OPERATION.

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7:48PM URGENT 4-8-72 DBC

TO: DIRECTOR

DENVER (164-120)

SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

CHARLOTTE

SAN FRANCISCO

LITTLE ROCK

FROM: MEMPHIS (164-NEW)

UNSUB; AKA - [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, b7C
DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN, SEVENTYTWO. CAA -
HIJACKING. OO: SALT LAKE CITY.

RE MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, SALT LAKE CITY,
AND SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT.

ON APRIL EIGHT INSTANT, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT AFTER
SEEING DESCRIPTION, AGE, AND NAME OF HIJACKING SUSPECT HE BELIEVES
THAT [REDACTED] WITH WHOM HE SERVED IN U.S. ARMY SPECIAL
FORCES IN VIET NAM, IS IDENTICAL WITH THE SUSPECT. [REDACTED] b7C

DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE [REDACTED], HEIGHT FIVE FEET AND
SEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE SEVENTY TO ONE SEVENTY-FIVE POUNDS, HAIR
DARK BLOND TO LIGHT BROWN, EYES BLUE, STOCKY BUILD, SLIM WAIST,
LARGE UPPER BODY, HEAVY LEGS, WORE HORN RIM GLASSES, UNABLE TO
SEE WITHOUT GLASSES, NO KNOWN TATTOOS OR VISIBLE SCARS OR MARKS,
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HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION, NO FAMILY, RAISED IN ORPHANAGE IN EASTERN SECTION OF U.S. [REDACTED] IS VERY VAIN, BELLIGERANT, AND COWARDLY TO POINT OF BEING DANGEROUS. CONSIDERED DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF HIS

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

b7C

[REDACTED] BELIEVED RESIDING BIRDSEYE, MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS AND RETURNED TO VIET NAM IN NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE. RECORDS REGARDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CHARLOTTE WILL LOCATE AND REVIEW [REDACTED] FILE AT FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA, OBTAIN ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHS AND FURNISH BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

b7C

LITTLE ROCK WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED] BIRDSEYE, ARKANSAS, AND INTERVIEW FOR ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION HE POSSESSES REGARDING [REDACTED]

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NR 08 PX PLAIN

11:35PM NITEL 4-8-72 DLN

TO: SALT LAKE CITY

FROM: PHOENIX (164-NEW)

UNSUB; UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, APRIL SEVEN LAST.
CAA - HIJACKING.

RE PHOENIX PHONE CALL SALT LAKE CITY APRIL EIGHT SEVENTYTWO.

PHOENIX PD ADVISED MORNING OF APRIL EIGHT SEVENTYTWO THAT
ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL HAD BEEN MADE TO "CRIME STOP" IN PHOENIX AT
NINE TWENTYTWO AM. ANONYMOUS CALLER SOUNDED LIKE WHITE MALE,
ABOUT FORTY YEARS OF AGE. CALL WAS PLACED FROM PAY PHONE. CALL
WAS AS FOLLOWS: "REFERENCE THE PERSON WHO JUMPED FROM THE PLANE.
IF YOU GO TO KANAB, UTAH TO KITCHEN (JUST AS IT SOUNDS)
CANYON YOU WILL FIND WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR".

b7C

CRIME STOP SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM OF PHOENIX PD WHICH PERMITS
INDIVIDUALS TO ANONYMOUSLY CALL DIRECTLY TO PD GIVING INFO CONCERN-
ING CRIMES, REPORTING CRIMES IN PROGRESS, OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS.

NO ACTION BEING TAKEN BY PHOENIX DUE TO ANONYMOUS NATURE OF
CALL AND INABILITY TO TRACE CALL TO SPECIFIC PHONE. -RUC-

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11:59PM NITEL 04-08-72 LVC

TO SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

MEMPHIS

FROM LITTLE ROCK (164-NEW)

UNSUB; AKA - [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, b7C
DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN, SEVENTYTWO. CAA - HIJACKING.
OO: SALT LAKE CITY.

RE MEMPHIS TEL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

BIRDSONG, ARKANSAS, IS PREDOMINATELY NEGRO TOWN OF TWO FIVE ZERO
POPULATION LOCATED IN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS. INQUIRY OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND SEVERAL LIFE LONG RESIDENCE OF BIRDSONG b7C
DISCLOSED THAT [REDACTED] IS UNKNOWN IN THE AREA. SOURCES CONTACTED
DO NOT KNOW ANYONE WITH LAST NAME [REDACTED] LIVING IN BIRDSONG COMMUNITY.

BIRDEYE, ARKANSAS, CONSIST OF ONE STORE LOCATED IN REMOTE AREA
OF CROSS COUNTY ARKANSAS, AND CONSIST OF THREE OR FOUR FAMILIES
ALL WHITE RESIDING IN BIRDEYE.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE RECONTACT [REDACTED] AND ATTEMPT TO
OBTAIN MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING ADDRESS AND b7C
BACKGROUND OF [REDACTED]

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) (P)

RE: UNSUB aka [REDACTED] b7C
UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT #855
DENVER, COLORADO TO
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
4/7/72
CAA - HIJACKING
(OO: Salt Lake City)

Re Salt Lake City airtel to Bureau, 4/8/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau under separate cover is pilots pre-flight check list prepared by Unsub and found in the interior of captioned hijacked aircraft.

"3B" written in pencil on top of enclosed form was not written by Unsub.

FBI Laboratory requested to compare enclosed form with previous similar form submitted and determine type, make and model of typewriter. Also examine for latent fingerprints.

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During examination of United Airlines plane #7426 at Salt Lake City International Airport, the following latent fingerprints were obtained:

Lifts from arm rests-seats 18A, B, D, 19F (two prints), 19D (two prints), and 19C.

The above lifts were photographed.

Also obtained were seatbelts from seats 20A, B, C, D, E, and F.

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by SA / cj ^{b7C} Date dictated 4/8/72

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4/8/72

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[redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah, Utah [redacted] was interviewed at the Office of the FBI, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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[redacted] stated that he is a good friend of RICHARD F. MC COY, JR., 360 South 200 East, Provo, Utah, telephone number 375-2930.

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[redacted] stated that MC COY is a Brigham Young University (BYU) student, is a sky diver, who jumps out of the Alta Airport in Salt Lake City, Utah, on a regular basis. He is a Vietnam veteran, and has served two years in Vietnam; one year of which was as a helicopter pilot.

Approximately three weeks to one month ago, [redacted] MC COY had a conversation concerning a hijacking of an airplane that had recently taken place. In the discussion of this hijacking, MC COY stated that it would be possible for someone to hijack a plane and get away with it provided he did certain things. One of the things that would be necessary for this person to do would be to have extra parachutes in the plane that could be thrown out while in flight to confuse people. The parachutes would be examined for beepers, and the dummy parachutes would contain the beepers. MC COY also stated that in the recent hijacking, the hijackers did not demand enough money, and that if he were to do it, he would demand at least \$500,000.00.

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[redacted] stated that at approximately 9:30 P.M., on the night of April 7, 1972, MC COY's [redacted] name unknown, [redacted]

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[redacted] and wanted to know where MC COY was. She wanted to know if MC COY was on a mission of some sort.

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by SA [redacted] 3 b7C
SA [redacted] JLT/ksa Date dictated 4/8/72

[redacted] stated that he attempted to reach MC COY at approximately 11:30 P.M., and [redacted] answered and stated that MC COY was not home. They discussed the hijacking briefly, and the [redacted] stated that she was "scared to death," as MC COY had tried to get her to help him on a hijacking. During this conversation, MC COY's [redacted] stated that [redacted] MC COY had left at approximately 8:00 P.M., and had not returned by 11:30 P.M. to midnight. b7C

[redacted] stated that MC COY [redacted] have a lot of money troubles and have argued frequently about this in the past. b7C

[redacted] stated that he was on duty the entire night of April 7, 1972 - April 8, 1972, with the Utah Highway Patrol, and when he arrived home early in the morning of April 8, 1972, [redacted] told him that MC COY had called at approximately 1:30 A.M., and asked for [redacted] [redacted] thought it was a little odd that MC COY did not engage her in any type of conversation at all inasmuch as they are fairly close friends and when MC COY found out that [redacted] was not home, he simply hung up the telephone. b7C

In the discussion concerning hijacking [redacted] said that MC COY talked about any hijacking he would be involved in would be a "big operation". He stated that if the plane that he would be on was being followed by chase planes, he would make it known to these chase planes that he had also planted a bomb on a second plane in order to get them to withdraw. MC COY also stated that if he ever got the half million dollars, he would leave the country. b7C

[] added that MC COY flies frequently and is completely familiar with the filling out of the FAA flight plan forms, and because of his association with the military, would have access to these forms. Additionally, MC COY has his own military type flight and jump suits, helmet and jumping boots. b7C

[] stated that in view of MC COY's past military experience in Vietnam, that it would be possible for him to have a grenade and he believes that MC COY does in fact, have several pistols and possibly a rifle. b7C

[] furnished the following background and descriptive data on MC COY: b7C

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	29
Height	5' 9" - 5' 10"
Weight	160-165 pounds
Hair	Reddish brown (straggly) medium length
Eyes	Hazel
Remarks	Mild pock marks on cheeks (possibly acne) Sometimes wears reddish brown (walrus type) mustache (had one a week ago) Dimple in chin Bushy eyebrows, brown Sideburns full to bottom of ear, squared off
Voice	High pitched voice when excited

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Build	Medium above waist; hips and thighs protruding "gorilla type"
Vehicle	1966 four-door, Dodge blue in color; dark green Volkswagen. year unknown
Relatives	[redacted] - [redacted] resides in North Carolina [redacted] - Name unknown, resides in North Carolina b7C [redacted] - Name unknown, resides 360 South 200 East, Provo, Utah [redacted]
Military	Currently member of 115th Engineers National Guard Armory, Murray, Utah

MC COY is known to have a green three foot by
two foot by fourteen inche almost square piece of luggage,
and also a green or bluish gray clothing bag.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Foster City, California, furnished the following information:

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[redacted] stated that he was the U. S. Coast Guard pilot who piloted the Coast Guard C-130 chase plane which followed the United Air Lines (UAL) 727 which was hijacked. [redacted] advised he is stationed at the U. S. Coast Guard Air Station, San Francisco International Airport.

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[redacted] advised that once the hijacked UAL plane was off the ground, the initial part of his mission to follow the hijacked plane went very smoothly. He stated that the "first bit of action" occurred 55 miles west of Wilson Creek, Nevada. [redacted] furnished the following latitude and longitude bearings: latitude 38° 10 minutes north, longitude 115° 25 minutes west. [redacted] advised that at this time the UAL hijacked plane was flying at 14,000 feet and maintaining speed of 180 knots ground speed, or 110 knots air speed. He advised that at the latitude and longitude given, he and his co-pilot heard what they thought to be two beppers. He advised that it was his opinion that there were two beppers because of the unusual echo effect that he and his co-pilot heard. [redacted] advised that his co-pilot on this flight was [redacted] who he stated is also assigned to the U. S. Coast Guard Air Station, San Francisco International Airport.

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[redacted] advised that when the beppers were first heard, he immediately contacted the UAL hijacked plane by radio and asked if they wished for him to illuminate the area. [redacted] stated that the UAL Captain aboard the hijacked plane requested this not be done as he was afraid that even if the hijacker had jumped from the plane, that he might have the necessary apparatus on his person to still ignite a bomb which he might have left aboard the hijacked aircraft. [redacted] advised that the U. S. Air Force

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C-130 which was following him did a very quick check of the area where the beppers were heard, but was unable to make any visual contact.

[redacted] stated the remainder of the flight went very smoothly until they were approximately four to ten miles South by Southeast from Provo, Utah. [redacted] advised that at this time [redacted] aboard the UAL hijacked plane advised he thought he felt a bump, indicating to [redacted] that possibly the hijacker had jumped. [redacted] stated that they immediately by radio notified their radio operations of the location and maintained contact with the UAL hijacked plane. [redacted] advised that from his position, he was unable to have any visual contact with the hijacker if he had jumped, as all the lights in the rear part of the hijacked aircraft had been turned off by the hijacker. b7C

[redacted] advised that it was his opinion that the hijacker had some experience in aviation. He qualified this statement by saying that the hijacker was experienced in certain areas of aviation but was totally unexperienced in other areas. [redacted] advised that an example of this was that the skyjacker was tracking the position of the UAL hijacked plane by basing his calculations on the fact that he was having the hijacked plane maintain a speed of 180 knots ground speed. [redacted] advised that this meant that the hijacked UAL plane had to maintain an air speed of 110 knots. [redacted] stated that the critical speed for the UAL hijacked 727 is 140 knots air speed, but the Captain advised that the hijacker was extremely lucky in that most of the time on the flight they were being pushed along by a 50 knot tailwind, and it was for this reason that the UAL 727 was able to meet the specifications on speed without stalling. [redacted] advised that without the tailwind, it would have been impossible for the UAL plane to operate as the hijacker requested. b7C

[redacted] advised that it was also his opinion b7C the hijacker was somewhat knowledgeable about parachutes. He said he based this opinion on the fact that the hijacker requested sport chutes rather than any regular kind of parachute.

[redacted] stated that this was important inasmuch as a sport chute could be steered by the individual wearing it and would give the individual a great deal of control as to landing area. [redacted] advised that at the altitude they were flying, approximately 17,500 feet, it was such a clear night that they could see ground definition with no lights at all. [redacted] explained this as meaning that they could tell at the altitude mentioned if they were flying over mountains, level ground, semi-hilly ground, etc. b7C

[redacted] advised that at the location where the hijacker actually jumped from the plane, his impact area would be approximately half-way between two small airports.

[redacted] advised he obtained this information from looking at his map in his aircraft. He stated that his map indicated that there was a small airport approximately ten miles north from where the impact area would have been, and that there was another small airport approximately ten miles south of where the impact area would have been. [redacted] further stated that another factor he considered was that approximately four or five miles to the west of the impact area there was a lake which could have been to some benefit to the hijacker. b7C

[redacted] further stated that he considered it to be of prime importance that the hijacker asked for a wrist altimeter rather than an altimeter which is attached directly to the parachute. [redacted] explained this by saying that if your altimeter was attached to your parachute and you were attempting to steer your parachute to a given location for impact, you would have a very difficult time observing it, whereas if it were on your wrist, it would be quite easy to see. [redacted] stated that, also, it should be mentioned that most wrist altimeters, in fact 99 per cent of all wrist altimeters, have luminous dials so that the hijacker would be able to read his altimeter in the middle of the night. b7C

[redacted] stated that from the actions of the hijacker and from the type of equipment and the general operations of the hijacker, he would not be surprised if the hijacker had a private or commercial license. He stated that b7C

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this license would probably be for piloting a small one engine aircraft or a small two engine aircraft. He stated he based this opinion on the fact that the hijacker, as mentioned earlier, had been able to check his location by using his navigation on a speed of 110 air knots. [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] advised that this is fairly close to the speed of the small one engine or two engine airplanes that he mentioned earlier. [REDACTED] also advised that it was his opinion that the hijacker had some experience with skydiving. He stated he based this opinion on the type of equipment that the skyjacker explicitly asked for.

[REDACTED] advised that if he thought of any further information, he would contact the FBI at once. b7C He advised that he could be reached either at the U. S. Coast Guard Air Station, or at his residence in Foster City, California. He advised his home phone number is [REDACTED]

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Date: 4/8/72

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ; LAS VEGAS; SAN FRANCISCO; SEATTLE
 FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) LOS ANGELES.

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. EIGHT FIVE b7C
 FIVE, DENVER, COLORADO, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APRIL SEVEN
 SEVENTY~~two~~, CAA DASH HIJACKING. 00:SU.

BASED ON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY AIRLINE AND FAA OFFICIALS
 REGARDING PROBABLE DROP SITE OF HIJACKER AT PROVO, UTAH, AIRPORT,
 SALT LAKE CITY COORDINATED MASSIVE AIR AND LAND SEARCH THROUGH~~OUT~~
 NIGHT WITH ASSISTANCE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT USING FLARES AND ROAD
 BLOCKS CHECKING ALL TRAFFIC DEPARTING PROVO AREA.

AT FIRST LIGHT OF DAWN SALT LAKE CITY INTENSIFIED AIR, LAND
 AND WATER SEARCH OVER LOGICAL AIRWAYS IN QUESTION THROUGHOUT VALLEY
 AND LAKE AREAS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. EFFORTS INCLUDED ASSISTANCE
 OF STATE, FEDERAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS ^{UTILIZING} ~~ONE~~ ^{FIVE} HELICOPTERS ^{AND TWO}
~~ADDITIONAL EFFORTS DIRECTED TO CHECKING HOSPITALS, TRANSPORTA-~~
 TION OUTLETS, APPROPRIATE NEIGHBORHOODS AND CAMPERS UTILIZING
 FACILITIES SURROUNDING LAKE. ONLY PARACHUTES LOCATED USED PREVIOUS

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NIGHT IN FLARE LIGHTING EXERCISES.

ASSOCIATE OF RICHARD F. MC COY, JR. ADVISED THAT MC COY FIT DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB AND HIS WHEREABOUTS ON NIGHT OF HIJACKING WERE UNKNOWN. NOTED MC COY HAD DISCUSSED HIJACKING INCIDENTS WITH HIM ON PREVIOUS OCCASION.

MC COY LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AND DETERMINED TO FIT GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND IS QUALIFIED JUMPER, DEMOLITION EXPERT AND PILOT. MC COY DENIES IMPLICATION IN INCIDENT AND STATES [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

ON DATE OF HIJACKING. MC COY'S [REDACTED] ALSO INTERVIEWED AND DENIED KNOWLEDGE OR IMPLICATION BY HERSELF [REDACTED] IN HIJACKING SITUATION AND INDICATED [REDACTED] NIGHT OF X HIJACKING. MC COY HAS SERIOUS LIMP AND CLAIMED PULLED LIGIMENT IN SKIING ACCIDENT TWO WEEKS PREVIOUS AND LEG PLACED IN CAST BY BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY HEALTH AUTHORITY, PROVO, UTAH. LEG EXAMINED AND DETERMINED TO BE BADLY SWOLLEN, HOWEVER, CAST HAD BEEN REMOVED. PERSONNEL AT ARMY OPERATIONS CENTER ADVISED MC COY HAD ACCIDENT AND HAD BEEN LIMPING FOR SOME TIME. MC COY FURNISHED LIMITED AMOUNT OF

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HANDWRITING WHICH IS BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU AND CONSENTED TO SEARCH OF AUTOMOBILE AND CONSENTED TO BEING PHOTOGRAPHED WHICH PHOTOS FORWARDED TO LOS ANGELES FOR EXHIBITION TO AIRPLANE CREW.

MC COY DECLINED ON SEARCH OF RESIDENCE AND ON SPECIFICS OF ACTIVITIES STATING IT WAS AN INVASION OF PRIVACY. CLAIMS TO BE LAW ENFORCEMENT STUDENT UNDER FORMER AGENT [REDACTED] BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AND COULD FURNISH b7C NO INFORMATION IMPLICATING MC COY. NO PRESS INFORMATION GIVEN CONCERNING MC COY BY BUREAU.

RESULTS OF CRIME SCENE SEARCH ABOARD UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE FURNISHED FBI LAB THIS DATE BY AIRLINE COURIER.

COMMANDER UTAH AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATES NO AIRCRAFT UNDER HIS JURISDICTION IN THE MORONI AREA ON NIGHT OF APRIL SEVEN. HELICOPTER SPOTED IN THIS VICINITY DURING EVENING HOURS, HOWEVER, TO DATE CRAFT NOT LOCATED AND NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DEFINITELY CONNECT THIS WITH HIJACKING.

OFFICIALS UTAH AIR NATIONAL GUARD WHO ARE BOTH PILOTS AND JUMPERS OF OPINION JUMP DID NOT NECESSARILY OCCUR AT PRECISE TIME

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BELIEVED BY PILOT OF HIJACKED AIRCRAFT BUT COULD HAVE OCCURRED AT THAT OR SUBSEQUENT TIME PRIOR TO SEARCH OF AIRCRAFT BY CREW WHILE AIRCRAFT IN THE AIR.

AFTER LEAVING SALT LAKE OFFICE AFTER INTERVIEW, MC COY ~~WAS~~ *PLACED UNDER SURVEILLANCE; HOWEVER, NOTHING PERTINENT, THUS FAR.*

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DUE INTENSE INTEREST THIS CASE, NEWS MEDIA VARIOUS PARTS ^{BY} COUNTY PRESENT SINCE EARLY STAGES, HAVE HOUNDED OFFICERS AND FBI PERSONNEL ON SCENE. FBI PERSONNEL ~~INSTRUCTED STATE SERIOUS DASH STATEMENT LIMITED TO THE OBVIOUS, NAMELY,~~ MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION, SEARCH OF LOGICAL AREAS ~~CONDUCTED, BEING~~ *CONDUCTED AN LEADS* ~~BEING~~ *LEADS* WORKED OUT. HAVE NOT AMPLIFIED ON STATEMENT ALTHOUGH MANY REQUESTS TO DO SO. NUMEROUS STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FBI, WHICH ARE MOSTLY SPECULATION ON PART NEWS MEDIA; NONE MADE BY FBI PERSONNEL. SEVERAL BELIEVED COME FROM NEWS MEDIA MONITORING FAA AIR TRAFFIC SINCE THEY REPORTED ROUTE OF HIJACKED PLANE ON FAA AIRWAYS.

INVESTIGATIVE WORK FORTH COMING
BASED ON ANTICIPATED ~~WORK FORTH COMING~~ TWO WEEKS, SALT LAKE REQUESTING ASSIGNMENT OF EIGHT AGENTS FROM OTHER OFFICES, DESIGNATED BY BUREAU BASED ON BUREAU'S KNOWLEDGE WORK LOAD.

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LEADS BUREAU REQUESTED APPROVE CODE WORD "SALJAK" FOR USE THIS
~~LEADS~~ ^{SU INDICES NEGATIVE.} CASE. / ADVISE ALL OFFICES IF APPROVED.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ARTISTS CONCEPTION BEING
 PREPARED TO ALL OFFICES WITH LEADS TO SHOW TO PARACHUTE CLUBS,
 MILITARY AIR RESERVE UNITS AND NATIONAL GUARD UNITS.

FBI LAB REQUESTED FURNISH PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF ~~ALL~~ EVIDENCE
~~WHICH APPEARS TO BE PERTINENT AND~~ SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU BY
 SPECIAL COURIER ON APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

LAS VEGAS. ADVISE NUMBER OF CHUTES RECOVERED AND ~~DETAILS~~ MAKE
 AND MODEL OF RADIO TRANSMITTER SO
~~OF BEEPER DEVICE SO THAT~~ DISPOSITION OF ALL CHUTES FURNISHED
 AND SOURCE OF RADIO DETERMINED.
 UNSUB CAN BE ASCERTAINED / ~~ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COMPLETE DETAILS OF~~
~~BEOPER UNIT AND~~ SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR
 NOT THESE ^{RADIOS} ~~BEOPER~~ MIGHT BE TRACED TO A PARTICULAR ~~SOME~~ PERSON.

SAN FRANCISCO. OBTAIN RANSOM LIST OF KNOWN SERIAL NUMBERED
 BILLS GIVEN TO HIJACKER OF UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE,
 APRIL SEVEN LAST AT SAN FRANCISCO, AND FURNISH BUREAU FOR
 DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER OFFICES. ASCERTAIN DEBOARDING PROCEDURES OF
 HIJACKED AIRCRAFT IN SAN FRANCISCO IN EFFORT TO FURTHER DEVELOP b7C
 INFORMATION CONCERNING ^{POSSIBLE ALIAS OF} HIJACKER [] RATHER THAN []

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SEATTLE. REVIEW NORJAK FILE FOR SUSPECTS IT HAS UNDER
INVESTIGATION OR ELIMINATED FOR COMPARISON WITH DESCRIPTION ~~OF~~ THIS
CASE.

~~SALT LAKE CITY~~
SALT LAKE CITY. AT OGDEN, UTAH. IDENTIFY [REDACTED] b7C
TELEPHONE [REDACTED] WHO DEPARTED
SALT LAKE APRIL SEVEN LAST ON UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR SIX
ZERO TO DENVER.

CONTACT HILL AFB, OGDEN, AIR RESCUE SQUAD TO DETERMINE IF
THIS GROUP MAY HAVE HAD A HELICOPTER IN FOUNTAIN GREEN, UTAH, AREA
ON APRIL THREE AND SEVEN.

AT OGDEN ^{PROVO} AND SALT LAKE. CHECK AGENCIES WHICH RENT HELICOPTERS
FOR RENTAL OF AIRCRAFT ON APRIL THREE AND SEVEN.

AT SALT LAKE CITY. VERIFY SKIING ACCIDENT OF SUSPECT MC COY
AT BYU HEALTH CENTER, AND DETERMINE NATURE AND DEGREE OF INJURY.

AT MANTI, UTAH. RE INTERVIEW SAN PETE COUNTY SHERIFF
[REDACTED] ~~AND MAY BE A DEPUTY SHERIFF~~ b7C
TO CLARIFY REPORTED SITING OF SMALL HELICOPTER IN
FOUNTAIN GREEN AREA ON APRIL THREE AND SEVEN LAST. ASCERTAIN
IDENTITIES OF PERSONS SITING HELICOPTER, ~~AND INTERVIEW OTHER~~
~~AND INTERVIEW~~

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~~THAN~~ [REDACTED]

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REVIEW RECORDS OF TAPE OR RECORDED INFORMATION IF SUCH IS MAINTAINED BY FAA TRAFFIC ROUTE CONTROLLER FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF RADIOED TRANSMISSION ON HIJACKED AIRCRAFT SO DIRECTIONS AND TIMES PERTINENT TO THE HIJACKING CAN BE CHECKED TO FURTHER PINPOINT AREA SUBJECT ~~MAY HAVE~~ JUMPED.

CONTACT FAA AND REVIEW PILOT LICENSE^{IN} ~~FOR~~ STATE OF UTAH NOTING SUBJECT APPEARS TO HAVE HAD PILOT TRAINING. CONSIDER THIS INVESTIGATION FOR OTHER OFFICES AT LATER TIME.

INTERVIEW MEMBERS OF ALTA JUMP CLUB FOR INFORMATION AS TO POSSIBLE SUSPECTS.

COVER DISCREPANCIES IN SUSPECT MC COY'S STATEMENTS. ~~SINCE~~ MC COY BELIEVED NOT TO OWN HIS OWN CHUTE, ASCERTAIN IF UTAH NATIONAL GUARD OR OTHER INSTALLATIONS WHO SUPPLY CHUTES, HAVE A SHORTAGE.

GET TOLL CALL RECORD OF MC COY'S TELEPHONE RE ANY CALLS MADE TO DENVER ON PERTINENT DATES.

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FOR DISPLAY TO TICKET SELLER. NOTED HIJACKER APPARENTLY BOUGHT
TICKET IN DENVER THREE THIRTYONE SEVENTYTWO.

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UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE
DENVER, COLORADO TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APRIL EIGHT SEVENTYTWO.
CAA DASH HIJACKING.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO SALT LAKE CITY APRIL EIGHT
INSTANT.

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, PROVO, UTAH, RE INTERVIEWED INSTANT
DATE BY SAS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] MC COY HAS b7C
QUARTER INCH CIRCULAR SCAR LEFT CHEEK WHERE MOLE REMOVED. HIS
HANDS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE THOSE OF MECHANIC. FINGERNAILS ARE
SHORT AND CONTAINED QUANTITY OF DIRT BUT ARE NOT CHEWED. MC COY
HAS NOTICABLE LISP OR SPEECH IMPEDIMENT AND ROLLS TONGUE WHILE
FORMING SOME WORDS.

TYPEWRITER SPECIMENS OBTAINED.

MC COY RELAXED AND COOPERATIVE DURING INTERVIEW. ALTHOUGH
MC COY NOT CONSIDERED PRIME SUSPECT ANY LONGER
END. P ADDITIONAL LEADS TO RESOLVE
HANDLED.

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TO DIRECTOR

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FROM ST. LOUIS (164-M) 5P

UNSUB, AKA; [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINE FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, b7C
DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN, LAST, CAA - HIJACKING; OO:
DENVER.

RE BUREAU TEL CALL TO ST. LOUIS, APRIL EIGHT INSTANT AND
SL AND SU TEL CALLS, APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT.

REVIEW OF ARMY SERVICE RECORD OF RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
SN ONE FOUR SEVEN NINE SIX SEVEN EIGHT NINE, SSAN TWO THREE SEVEN -
SIX SIX - TWO SEVEN SEVEN NINE, ON FILE NPRC-M, ST. LOUIS, MO.
REVEALS THE FOLLOWING:

ENLISTED AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY U.S. ARMY MARCH THIRTYONE
SIXTYTWO UNTIL JAN. TWENTYTWO SIXTYFIVE WHEN HONORABLY RELEASED
FROM ACTIVE DUTY AND TRANSFERRED AS SPECIALIST FIFTH CLASS USAR,
TO RETURN TO COLLEGE. WAS TO ATTEND BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY.

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ENLISTED JUNE ONE SIXTYFIVE IN UTAH NATIONAL GUARD AND
CONDITIONALLY RELEASED FROM USAR. UTAH NG ADVISED SEPT. TWENTY,
SIXTYFIVE MC COY DID NOT COMPLETE ENLISTMENT IN NG, HAD MOVED
FROM STATE AND NG ENLISTMENT CONSIDERED AS "NON-ENLISTMENT".

REENLISTED REGULAR ARMY JAN. TWENTYONE SIXTYSIX AND ENTERED
ON ACTIVE DUTY SAME DATE AT RALEIGH, N.C. HONORABLY DISCHARGED
FEB. THIRTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN AS SPECIALIST FIFTH CLASS AT FORT
RUCKER, ALABAMA TO ACCEPT WARRANT OFFICER COMMISSION. APPOINTED
WARRANT OFFICER FEB. FOURTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN UNDER SN W THREE ONE
FIVE FIVE THREE ONE SEVEN AND REMAINED ON ACTIVE DUTY. HONORABLY
RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MARCH ELEVEN
SEVENTY AND TRANSFERRED TO USAR CONTROL, ST. LOUIS, MO.
TRANSFERRED JUNE TWELVE SEVENTY FROM ARMY RESERVE TO NG OF CALIF.
AS CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER. TRANSFERRED OCT. THIRTY SEVENTY
TO UTAH NG AND ASSIGNED "HHC, ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH ENGS. GP
(ARAV) UTAH", AS A ROTARY WINGED PILOT. LATEST CORRESPONDENCE
IN FILE DATED FEB. ONE SEVENTYONE FROM NG BUREAU WDC STATES
MC COY PLACED ON PERMANENT FLYING STATUS WITH UTAH NG.

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MILITARY OCCUPATIONS: COMBAT ENGINEER (DEMOLITION SPECIALIST), ARMY AVIATOR, HELICOPTER PILOT, ROTARY WINGED PILOT, OBSERVATION, UTILITY, AND LIGHT CARGO.

AWARDS: PARACHUTIST BADGE; COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE; ARMED FORCER EXPEDITION MEDAL; PURPLE HEART FOR SHRAPNEL WOUND ARM AND LEG; EXPERT BADGE (FORTYFIVE CALIBER PISTOL); NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL; GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL; VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL; VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL; ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE; AND DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

CHARACTER AND EFFICIENCY RATINGS GOOD TO OUTSTANDING.

DISCIPLINARY: NON-JUDICIAL PUNISHMENT JULY ONE SIXTYSIX FOR LOW ALTITUDE FLYING AND ALSO ATTEMPTING TO AVOID RECOGNITION AND EVASIVE MANEUVER AND WAS SENTENCED TO FORFEIT FIFTY DOLLARS PAY TWO MONTHS. NON-JUDICIAL PUNISHMENT SEPT. TEN, SIXTYNINE FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION JULY NINETEEN, SIXTYNINE TO JULY TWENTYSIX, SIXTYNINE; SENTENCED TO FORFEIT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PAY FOR TWO MONTHS AND REPRIMANDED.

MC COY HAD FOREIGN SERVICE IN GERMANY AND VIETNAM.

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DESCRIBED IN NINETEEN SIXTYNINE AS WHITE MALE, BORN DEC.
SEVEN FORTYTWO, KINSTON, N.C., FIVE FEET NINE ONE HALF INCHES,
ONE HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES.

RESIDENCES: (FIFTYTWO TO FIFTYFOUR) COVE CITY, N.C.;
(FIFTYFOUR TO SIXTYONE) ROUTE FIVE, BOX TWO HUNDRED B FOUR,
RALEIGH, N.C.; (SIXTYONE TO SIXTYTWO) SEVEN SIX FIVE N. FOURTH
EAST PROVO, UTAH; (MARCH NINETEEN SEVENTY) ROUTE FIVE BOX THREE
SEVEN EIGHT SHERRILL DRIVE, RALEIGH, N.C.; (OCTOBER SEVENTY) THREE
SIX ZERO S. TWO HUNDRED EAST, PROVO, UTAH.

RELATIVES: MC COY INDICATED HE WAS SINGLE IN NINETEEN
SIXTYFOUR AND IN NINETEEN SEVENTY CORRESPONDENCE THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND REQUESTED EXTENSION OF TOUR IN GERMANY. [REDACTED] HOWEVER
NEVER IDENTIFIED IN FILE. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] RALEIGH. NO OTHER RELATIVES LISTED.

EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL GARNER, N.C.; MILBROOK, N.C.;
AND RALEIGH, N.C. BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, PROVO, UTAH,
SIXTYONE TO SIXTYTWO AND SIXTYFOUR TO SIXTYFIVE.

MC COY LISTED NUMEROUS CHARACTER AND CREDIT REFERENCES IN
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NINETEEN SIXTYTWO STATEMENT OF PERSONAL HISTORY, ALL RESIDING
RALEIGH, N.C.

EIGHT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FROM MC COY'S ARMY SERVICE
RECORD CONTAINING HANDPRINTING AND/OR HANDWRITING BEING FOR-
WARDED INSTANT DATE VIA COURIER TO FBI LABORATORY FOR APPORPRIATE
COMPARISON EXAMINATIONS.

ANY LEADS BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF DENVER OR SALT LAKE
CITY.

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TO DIRECTOR

SALT LAKE CITY

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-NEW) 3P

UNSUB, AKA, [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT b7C
EIGHT FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN,
LAST, CAA DASH HIJACKING.

RE LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE CALL TO SALT LAKE
APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT.

LAYOUT OF PHOTOGRAPHS CONTAINING MC COY'S EXHIBITED

TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND PASSENGERS [REDACTED] b7C

WITHOUT POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF HIJACKER. WITNESSES
OBSERVED HIJACKER WITH FALSE WIG AND MOUSTACHE, AND FIND
PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION VERY DIFFICULT. IT APPEARS
MC COY COULD BE POSSIBLE SUSPECT IF APPROPRIATELY DISGUISED.
ARTIST CONCEPTION BEING PREPARED BY BUREAU PERSONNEL.

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[REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] CONTACTED BY DID NOT OBSERVE SUBJECT.

WITNESSES INTERVIEWED STATE SUBJECT HAD BLUE EYES WITH SHORT FINGERS, DIRTY FINGERNAILS WHICH WERE BITTEN DOWN VERY FAR, WEARING BAND-AID ON LEFT CHEEK. PRIOR TO JUMP SUBJECT WEARING DARK COLORED FLYING OR JUMP SUIT, LIKE COVERALL, DARK CRASH HELMET, MAYBE BLACK WITH SMALL LIGHT VERTICAL STRIP MIDDLE LOWER BACK EDGE.

EFFORTS TO EXHIBIT MC COY'S PHOTOGRAPH TO FLIGHT

[REDACTED] WHO DEPLANED AT SAN b7C

FRANCISCO, AS WELL AS A LOS ANGELES BASED UNITED AIRLINES DEADHEADING CREW MEMBERS ON INSTANT FLIGHT,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] WHO WAS BASED IN HONOLULU, WERE NEGATIVE DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY. [REDACTED] HAD

LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE HIJACKER AND CONSIDERED POOR WITNESS.

[REDACTED] WILL BE EXHIBITED MC COY b7C

PHOTOS AND ARTIST CONCEPTION UPON RETURN TO HIS HOME

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AT ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA.

PHOTOGRAPHS MC COY BEING FURNISHED SAN FRANCISCO
BY COURIER THIS DATE FOR EXHIBIT TO b7C
AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON.

LOS ANGELES CONTINUING EFFORTS TO EXHIBIT MC COY
PHOTOS AND ARTIST CONCEPTION TO ABOVE MENTIONED WITNESSES.
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LOS ANGELES

SACRAMENTO

DENVER (164-120)

LAS VEGAS (164-72)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-NEW) 1P

UNSUB; UAL FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN, LAST, CAA - HIJACKING OO: SU.

ON APRIL NINE INSTANT, A PHOTOGRAPH OF A RICHARD F. MC COY, JR., ALONG WITH SIX OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS WERE DISPLAYED TO SAN QUENTIN PRISONER, [REDACTED] BY [REDACTED] AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED MC COY AS THE HIJACKER OF CAPTIONED AIRCRAFT. [REDACTED] STATED THAT MC COY WAS DEFINITELY THE HIJACKER, HOWEVER, AT THE TIME THE HIJACKING TOOK PLACE [REDACTED] STATED THAT MCCOY WAS WEARING A WIG.

b7C

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SF PRESENTLY DISPLAYING PHOTOGRAPH OF MC COY AND SIMILAR PHOTOGRAPHS TO CALIF., PENAL SYSTEM [REDACTED] IN ATTEMPT TO VERIFY IDENTIFICATION OF HIJACKER.

b7C

SF WILL KEEP BUREAU AND OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES ADVISED.

UNSUB; CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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FROM: SAC, DENVER (164-120)

UNSUB, AKA: [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINE FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, b7C
DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN LAST, CAA - HIJACKING;
OO: SALT LAKE CITY.

RE BUREAU TEL CALL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

SPECIAL AGENTS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] DEPARTING DENVER COLORADO

APRIL NINE SEVENTY TWO ON UAL FLIGHT EIGHT THREE ONE
AT EIGHT THIRTY FIVE AM ARRIVE SLC NINE FORTYONE AM TO WORK
ON CAPTIONED MATTER.

THIS CONFIRMS INFORMATION ALREADY FURNISHED THE SLC DIVISION.

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FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-NEW)

UNSUB; AKA, [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, b7C
DENVER TO LOS ANGELES APRIL SEVEN NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO; CAA -
HIJACKING; OO: SALT LAKE CITY.

RE BU CALL TO SAN FRANCISCO AND SF TEL CALL TO SALT LAKE
CITY APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO DESIGNATED SA'S [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO DEPART SF FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IN 'SALT LAKE b7C
CITY DIVISION RE INSTANT CASE. AGENTS WILL DEPART SF INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT AT TEN TEN A.M., SUNDAY APRIL NINE NEXT VIA WESTERN AIRLINES
FLIGHT FOUR NINE ZERO AND WILL ARRIVE SALT LAKE CITY ONE TWENTY
P.M.

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REG. AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)(P)

RE: UNSUB aka [REDACTED] b7C
UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT #855
DENVER, COLORADO, TO
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
4/7/72
CAA - HIJACKING
(OO: Salt Lake City)

Re Salt Lake City airtel to Bureau, dated 4/8/72; and
St. Louis nitel to Bureau, dated 4/8/72.

Enclosed for FBI Laboratory is sample of dictated
printing obtained from suspect RICHARD F. McCOY, JR., 360 South
200 East, Provo, Utah, born 12/7/42 at Kinston, North Carolina,
Social Security Number and Army Serial Number 237-66-2779, on
4/8/72.

McCOY refused to furnish any additional samples, initial
samples furnished and sign dictated sample obtained. McCOY
demanded return of samples furnished, which was refused.

FBI Laboratory is requested to compare enclosed hand
printing with samples of hijacker's hand printing previously
furnished.

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TO DIRECTOR ATTN: MOVEMENT UNIT

SALT LAKE CITY

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-NEW) 1P

UNSUB; AKA, [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE
DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN, LAST; CAA-HIJACKING. b7C

RE BUTEL CALL TO LOS ANGELES APRIL EIGHT, INSTRUCTING
TWO LOS ANGELES AGENTS TO REPORT TO SALT LAKE CITY FOR
ASSISTANCE THIS INVESTIGATION.

SA'S [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WILL ARRIVE b7C
SALT LAKE CITY TEN TWELVE A.M. APRIL NINE VIA WESTERN
AIRLINES FLIGHT FIVE SIX ZERO.

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LOS ANGELES

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LAS VEGAS (164-72)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-NEW)

UNSUB; UAL FLIGHT NUMBER EIGHT FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN LAST, CAA - HIJACKING.

OO: SALT LAKE CITY

SACRAMENTO DIVISION ADVISED THIS DATE THAT CALIFORNIA PENAL SYSTEM [REDACTED] WAS NO LONGER IN THE SACRAMENTO AREA AND HAD TRAVELED TO ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA.

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION NOTIFIED AND PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT [REDACTED] TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RICHARD F. MC COY, SUSPECT IN CAPTIONED HIJACKING FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE SF TEL TO BUREAU, SU, LA, SC, DN, AND LV, FOUR NINE INSTANT, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

~~REDACTED~~ RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT,
HIJACKING. AND - INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW
MEMBERS.
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CARRIED "UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] UNITED AIR LINES FLIGHT EIGHT b7C
FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN LAST".

RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHT LAST.

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[REDACTED] FBI LAB, IDENTIFYING HANDWRITING ON
NOTE GIVEN STEWARDESS BY SUBJECT WITH HANDWRITING ON SUBJECT'S
MILITARY RECORD, AND ON OTHER INVESTIGATION, USA C. NELSON DAY,
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, ~~THE~~ AUTHORIZED PROSECUTION OF MC COY, APRIL NINE,
MC COY BEING CHARGED WITH VIOLATION SECTION ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO
PAREN EYE PAREN PAREN ONE PAREN, TITLE FOUR NINE, USC, AIRCRAFT

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PERACY, AND SECTION ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO PAREN J PAREN, TITLE FOUR
NINE, USC, INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT ATTENDANT. *USA RECOMMENDED
NO BOND.*

COMPLAINT WILL BE FILED BY SA [REDACTED] ~~EARLY TODAY~~ b7C
NINE AM APRIL NINE AM ~~APRIL NINE AM~~
*MORNING TODAY, BEFORE U. S. MAGISTRATE A. M. FERRO, SALT LAKE
CITY. ~~USA RECOMMENDED NO BAIL.~~*

MC COY ARRESTED AT RESIDENCE, THREE SIX ZERO SOUTH TWO ZERO
ZERO EAST, PROVO, UTAH, *FIVE THIRTY SEVEN AM* ~~EARLY TODAY~~ BY BUREAU AGENTS, WITHOUT
INCIDENT, AND ~~HE~~ ^{FD} APPEAR BEFORE MAGISTRATE FERRO *AT NINE AM* ~~TODAY~~ *WHEN*
COMPLAINT FORMALLY FILED. SEARCH
WARRANTS FOR RESIDENCE AND TWO CARS ~~BEING~~ OBTAINED. HOUSE AND
CARS SECURED BY BUREAU PERSONNEL PENDING EXECUTION OF SEARCH
WARRANTS. BUREAU APPROVED PRESS RELEASE ~~IS~~ MADE WITHOUT
AMPLIFICATION. PRESS RELEASE GIVEN SAN FRANCISCO AND DENVER WITH
INSTRUCTIONS TO RELEASE WHEN NOTIFIED.

~~BUREAU WILL BE FURNISHED RESULTS OF TODAY'S HEARING.~~

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FOLLOWING ARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCENTIVE AWARDS:

ONE. ASAC VICTOR R. SCHAEFER WHO HANDLED IN-OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE SAC ON SCENE AND THEREAFTER ARREST OF SUBJECT WHEN SAC HANDLING SUPERVISION FROM OFFICE; TWO, SA [REDACTED]

AND WHO PARTICIPATED IN ALL

[REDACTED] AGENT TO WHOM CASE IS ASSIGNED ~~THREE, SA [REDACTED]~~
PHASES OF CASE, THREE, SA [REDACTED] WHO HANDLED INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] WHO WAS

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ORIGINAL SOURCE SUSPICIOUS OF MC COY. THIS INTERVIEW WAS CRITICAL AND REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE TIME SINCE [REDACTED] HAD MISGIVINGS ABOUT FURNISHING FULL INFORMATION. SA [REDACTED] ALSO CONDUCTED FOLLOWUP INVESTIGATION FROM [REDACTED] INTERVIEW. FOUR, SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR CRIME SCENE SEARCH OF AIRCRAFT AND ~~COORDINATION~~ OF LEADS

DURING FAST MOVING INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD.

THE FOLLOWING AGENTS ARE TWO OF SIX AGENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJECT'S HOME AND ARREST OF SUBJECT AT FIVE THIRTYSEVEN A.M., APRIL NINE INSTANT: ONE, SA [REDACTED]

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~~GROUP ON SUBJECT~~ PRELIMINARY TO ARREST
~~AND WHO, ALONG WITH~~ ASAC

AND TWO SA [REDACTED] LED RAID ON FRONT DOOR OF HOME AND WERE MOST EXPOSED TO ~~DANGER~~ DANGER. IT SHOULD BE NOTED SUBJECT IS DEMOLITION

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PAGE FOUREXPERT AND ~~WHO~~ KNOWN TO HAVE NUMEROUS WEAPONS IN HIS HOME. ~~THE~~SA [REDACTED] ~~WHO WAS WITH SA [REDACTED] DURING THE ARREST OF~~ b7C~~MC COY.~~

THE FOLLOWING AGENTS WERE AMONG A GROUP OF TEN AGENTS WHO EXECUTED SEARCH WARRANTS ON HOUSE AND TWO CARS, RESULTING IN RECOVERY OF FOUR HUNDRED NINETYNINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY DOLLARS, PARACHUTE JUMP HELMET, GUN, WRIST ALTIMETERS AND NUMEROUS OTHER ITEMS OF EVIDENTIARY INTEREST:

ONE, SA [REDACTED]

AND SA [REDACTED] LOCATE TYPEWRITERS AND PARACHUTE JUMP HELMET.

TWO., SA [REDACTED] WHO FOUND RANSOM MONEY, PISTOL AND AMMUNITION, HAND GRENADE AND NOTES BY SUBJECT, APPARENTLY USED DURING HIJACKING. THREE, SA [REDACTED] WHO INTERVIEWED

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT MC COY, WHICH ELICITED STATEMENTS THAT MC COY TOLD HER ABOUT HIS PLAN TO HIJACK PLANE, HIS PREPARATIONS AND HIS ADMISSION TO HER AFTER THE HIJACKING THAT HE HAD COMMITTED IT. HE THREATENED TO KILL HER IF SHE SAID ANYTHING AND TO PAY HER FOR HER SILENCE. [REDACTED] WILLING

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TO TESTIFY. FOUR, SA [REDACTED] WITH SA [REDACTED] ABOVE,
HANDLED INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] WHICH RESULTED IN DAMAGING INFORMATION
TO MC COY. FIVE, SA [REDACTED] WHO FOUND STRIPED SUITCOAT
BELIEVED WORN BY SUBJECT DURING HIJACKING, GLOVES AND FACE MASK,
BLACK GLOVES BELIEVED WORN IN HIJACKING, SILVER WRISTWATCH OF
TYPE DESCRIBED BY STEWARDESS, AND BLACK PARACHUTE SUIT.

INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF COMMENDATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR SA
[REDACTED] FOR THEIR PARTICIPATIONS
IN THE SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJECT'S HOME AND ARREST OF MC COY; AND
SA [REDACTED] WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SEARCH OF THE
RESIDENCE AND LOCATED BLACK PARACHUTE HELMET AND NAVIGATIONAL
CHART SHOWING AREA OVER WHICH HIJACKING TOOK PLACE.

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FOLLOWING SAN FRANCISCO AGENTS ACCOMPANIED CHASE PLANES FROM
SAN FRANCISCO TO SALT LAKE CITY AND THEREAFTER PARTICIPATED IN
SEARCH OF AIRCRAFT AND GROUND SEARCH AND CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS
AND ARE RECOMMENDED FOR INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF COMMENDATION: [REDACTED]

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AND [REDACTED]

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RECOMMEND A GENERAL OVERALL LETTER OF COMMENDATION TO THE
SAC FOR REMAINDER OF AGENTS, SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION, WHO
PARTICIPATED IN GROUND AND AIR SEARCH, INTERVIEWS, AND SURVEILLANCES
FOR OVER TWO DAYS WITH MINIMUM OF FOOD AND SLEEP.

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2:24 PM 4/10/72 ARL IMMEDIATE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-367) (SP)

CHANGED. RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT
HIJACKING AND - INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS.

OQ: SALT LAKE CITY.

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CARRIED "UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT b7C
FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN LAST".

RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHT LAST.

BASED ON INFORMATION FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY BY [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] FBI LAB, IDENTIFYING HANDWRITING ON
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, AUTHORIZED PROSECUTION OF MC COY APRIL NINE.
MC COY BEING CHARGED WITH VIOLATION SECTION ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO
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PIRACY, AND SECTION ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO PAREN J PAREN, TITLE FOUR NINE, USC, INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT ATTENDANT. USA RECOMMENDED NO BOND.

MC COY ARRESTED AT RESIDENCE, THREE SIX ZERO SOUTH TWO ZERO ZERO EAST, PROVO, UTAH, FIVE THIRTY SEVEN AM BY BUREAU AGENTS, WITHOUT INCIDENT, AND APPEARED BEFORE MAGISTRATE FERRO AT NINE AM WHEN COMPLAINT FORMALLY FILED. SEARCH WARRANTS FOR RESIDENT AND TWO CARS OBTAINED. HOUSE AND CARS SECURED BY BUREAU PERSONNEL PENDING EXECUTION OF SEARCH WARRANTS. BUREAU APPROVED PRESS RELEASE MADE WITHOUT AMPLIFICATION. PRESS RELEASE GIVEN SAN FRANCISCO AND DENVER WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO RELEASE WHEN NOTIFIED.

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FOLLOWING ARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCENTIVE AWARDS:

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[REDACTED] AGENT TO WHOM CASE ASSIGNED AND WHO PARTICIPATED IN ALL PHASES OF CASE, THREE SA [REDACTED]

WHO HANDLED INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] WHO WAS ORIGINAL SOURCE SUSPICIOUS OF MC COY. THIS INTERVIEW WAS CRITICAL AND REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE TIME SINCE [REDACTED] HAD MISGIVINGS ABOUT FURNISHING FULL INFORMATION. SA [REDACTED] ALSO CONDUCTED FOLLOWUP INVESTIGATION FROM [REDACTED] INTERVIEW. FOUR, SA [REDACTED] b7C b7D

[REDACTED] FOR CRIME SCENE SEARCH OF AIRCRAFT AND COORDINATION OF LEADS DURING FAST MOVING INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD.

THE FOLLOWING AGENTS ARE TWO TO SIX AGENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJECT'S HOME AND ARREST OF SUBJECT AT FIVE THIRTYSEVEN AM, APRIL NINE INSTANT: ONE, SA [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] ON SUBJECT PRELIMINARY TO ARREST AND WHO, ALONG WITH ASAC, AND TWO, SA [REDACTED], LED RAID ON FRONT DOOR OF HOME AND WERE MOST EXPOSED TO DANGER. IT SHOULD BE NOTED SUBJECT IS
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DEMOLITION EXPERT AND KNOWN TO HAVE NUMEROUS WEAPONS IN HIS HOME.

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ONE, SA [REDACTED] IN OVERALL [REDACTED] WHO LOCATED TYPEWRITERS AND PARACHUTE JUMP HELMET.
TWO, SA [REDACTED] WHO FOUND RANSOM MONEY, PISTOL AND AMMUNITION, HAND GRENADE AND NOTES BY SUBJECT, APPARENTLY USED DURING HIJACKING. THREE, SA [REDACTED] WHO INTERVIEWED ^{b7C} [REDACTED] OF SUBJECT MC COY, WHICH ELICITED STATEMENTS THAT MC COY TOLD HER ABOUT HIS PLAN TO HIJACK PLANE, HIS PREPARATIONS AND HIS ADMISSION TO HER AFTER THE HIJACKING THAT HE HAD COMMITTED IT. HE THREATENED TO KILL HER IF SHE SAID ANYTHING AND TO PAY HER FOR HER SILENCE. [REDACTED] WILLING
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INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF COMMENDATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR SA

[REDACTED] FOR THEIR PARTICIRATION b7C
IN THE SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJECT'S HOME AND ARREST OF MC COY; AND
SA [REDACTED] WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SEARCH OF THE
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AND ARE RECOMMENDED FOR INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF COMMENDATION: [REDACTED]

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AND [REDACTED]

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FOR OVER TWO DAYS WITH MINIMUM OF FOOD AND SLEEP.
SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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8:35X AM IMMEDIATE 4/9/72 ACJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) (4)

CHANGED. RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT,-
HIJACKING. AND - INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW
MEMBERS. OO:SN.

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RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHT LAST.

BASED ON INFORMATION FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY BY [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] FBI LAB, IDENTIFYING HANDWRITING ON
NOTE GIVEN STEWARDESS BY SUBJECT WITH HANDWRITING ON SUBJECT'S
MILITARY RECORD, AND ON OTHER INVESTIGATION, USA C. NELSON DAY,
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, TODAY AUTHORIZED PROSECUTION OF MC COY.
MC COY BEING CHARGED WITH VIOLATION SECTION ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO
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PIRACY, AND SECTION ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO PAREN J PAREN, TITLE FOUR NINE, USC, INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT ATTENDANT.

COMPLAINT WILL BE FILED BY SA [REDACTED] EARLY b7C MORNING TODAY, BEFORE U. S. MAGISTRATE A. M. FERRO, SALT LAKE CITY. USA RECOMMENDED NO BAIL.

MC COY ARRESTED AT RESIDENCE, THREE SIX ZERO SOUTH TWO ZERO ZERO EAST, PROVO, UTAH, EARLY TODAY BY BUREAU AGENTS, WITHOUT INCIDENT, AND WILL APPEAR BEFORE MAGISTRATE FERRO TODAY. SEARCH WARRANTS FOR RESIDENCE AND TWO CARS BEING OBTAINED. HOUSE AND CARS SECURED BY BUREAU PERSONNEL PENDING EXECUTION OF SEARCH WARRANTS. BUREAU APPROVED PRESS RELEASE TO BE MADE WITHOUT AMPLIFICATION. PRESS RELEASE GIVEN SAN FRANCISCO AND DENVER WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO RELEASE WHEN NOTIFIED.

BUREAU WILL BE FURNISHED RESULTS OF TODAY'S HEARING.

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AWARDS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ASAC VICTOR R. SCHAEFER WHO HANDLED IN-OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE SAC ON SCENE AND LATER ARREST OF SUBJECT WHEN SAC HANDLING SUPERVISION FROM OFFICE; FOR SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WHO WAS COORDINATOR OF LEAD COVERAGE AND CRIME SCENE b7C SEARCH OF THE AIRCRAFT; FOR SA [REDACTED] TO WHOM CASE IS ASSIGNED; AND FOR SA [REDACTED] WHO HANDLED TWO PERTINENT INTERVIEWS AND SUBSEQUENT FOLLOWUP WHICH RESULTED IN IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT.

LESSER AWARDS RECOMMENDED FOR [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] WHO MAINTAINED SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJECT AND PARTICIPATED ON ARREST.

SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF COMMENDATION ARE RECOMMENDED FOR FOLLOWING AGENTS WHO PARTICIPATED FULLY IN SEARCHES, INTERVIEWS, SURVEILLANCES, AND INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR SEVERAL DAYS WITH A MINIMAL OF REST, FOOD AND SLEEP: [REDACTED] b7C
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED]

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING SAN FRANCISCO
AGENTS ACCOMPANIED THE CHASE PLANES FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO SALT
LAKE CITY AND THERAFTER PARTICIPATED IN SEARCHES OF THE
AIRCRAFT AND GROUND SEARCH AND CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS PERTINENT
TO THE CASE AND ARE THEREFORE RECOMMENDED FOR INDIVIDUAL
LETTERS OF COMMENDATION: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] b7C

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220PM URGENT 04-09-72 TMT

TO SALT LAKE CITY

LOS ANGELES

DENVER

SAN FRANCISCO

LAS VEGAS

SACRAMENTO

FROM DIRECTOR 3P

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS, OO: SU.

SUBJECT TAKEN INTO CUSTODY EARLY TODAY BY AGENTS, SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE, AFTER BEING CHARGED IN AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE, SALT LAKE CITY, WITH AIRCRAFT PIRACY AND INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW. SUBJECT MADE NO ADMISSIONS. LABORATORY IDENTIFIED MC COY'S HANDWRITING ON NOTE UTILIZED BY HIJACKER TO INSTRUCT FLIGHT CREW. WITNESS ON HIJACKED AIRCRAFT HAS IDENTIFIED SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPHS.

ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONTINUE LOGICAL INVESTIGATION INCLUDING THAT SET FORTH IN SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT LAST TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE LINKING MC COY TO OFFENSE. INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO DETERMINE IF HE HAD ASSOCIATES. SALT LAKE CITY IMMEDIATELY FURNISH PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

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OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT'S [REDACTED] AND
CONSIDER FORWARDING SAME TO OTHER OFFICES IN EVENT INVESTIGATION
NECESSARY RE EITHER. INTENSIFY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF

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[REDACTED] PICKED UP SUBJECT AFTER DROP AND SET FORTH NECESSARY
LEADS TO DEVELOP FULL BACKGROUND DATA ON BOTH SUBJECT [REDACTED]
IDENTIFY CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO
ARE PARACHUTISTS AND CONSIDER AS POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES. IDENTIFY
BYU STUDENT AT ALPINE, UTAH, FRIEND OF SUBJECT WHO REPORTEDLY
HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF HIJACKING.

LAS VEGAS AND SALT LAKE CITY CONTINUE TERRAIN SEARCHES IN
AN EFFORT TO LOCATE ALL PARACHUTES, ELECTRONIC HOMING DEVICES
AND LARGE CANVAS BAG APPARENTLY JETTISONED FROM HIJACKED CRAFT BY
MC COY PRIOR TO HIS JUMP. SALT LAKE CITY CONTINUE EFFORTS TO
IDENTIFY HELICOPTER REPORTEDLY SEEN IN JUMP AREA. COPIED
SERIAL NUMBERS FOR TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN RANSOM MONEY
DID NOT SHOW SERIES YEAR. BUREAU CURRENTLY RE-EVALUATING
PRACTICALITY OF SEQUENCING AND PUBLISHING SAME.

SAN FRANCISCO DETERMINE FROM WELLS FARGO AND UAL OTHER
POSSIBLE MEANS OF IDENTIFYING RANSOM MONEY SUCH AS WRAPERS,
BANDINGS, ETC.

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SALT LAKE CITY INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO DETERMINE IF AREA NATIONAL GUARD UNITS HAVE PARACHUTE OR EQUIPMENT SHORTAGE. CONSIDER EXTENDING SEARCH TO OTHER NATIONAL GUARD UNITS IF SUBJECT HAD POSSIBLE CONTACTS OUTSIDE PROVO - SALT LAKE CITY AREA.

EXPEDITE TELEPHONE TOLL CALL CHECKS ON SUBJECT AND LOGICAL ASSOCIATES.

ALL OFFICES BE ALERT TO POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS STATUTE BY PRESS OR OTHERS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION. FCC HAS RECENTLY INDICATED UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES BY PRESS OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS COULD POSSIBLY BE IN VIOLATION OF SECTION SIX ZERO FIVE, TITLE FORTY-SEVEN, U.S. CODE. ADVISE BY TELETYPE UNDER APPROPRIATE CAPTION OF ANY SUCH INCIDENTS AND HOLD INVESTIGATION IN ABEYANCE PENDING INSTRUCTIONS.

ALL PHASES OF THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PRIORITY INVESTIGATION. ALL LEADS SHOULD BE HANDLED TELEPHONICALLY AND CONFIRMED BY TELETYPE. KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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Date: 4/9/72

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TO SAC, DENVER
SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) (2)

CHANGED INTEROFFICE: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CRIME
ABOARD AIRCRAFT-HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW
MEMBERS. 00:SU.

TITLE CHANGED TO REFLECT NAME OF SUBJECT. TITLE
PREVIOUSLY CARRIED "UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES b7C
FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN
LAST".

RE DENVER TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR APRIL EIGHT, ~~SEVENTYTWO~~,
AND LA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR APRIL EIGHT, SEVENTWO.

SINCE LAS HAS NO FURTHER NEED OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT,
LA IS REQUESTED TO SEND THEIR COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS TO
DENVER, AND DENVER WILL EXHIBIT PHOTOS TO TICKET AGENTS,
CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES, BAGGAGE PERSONNEL, FLIGHT
CONTROL PERSONNEL AND ANY OTHER LOGICAL WITNESSES AT UNITED
AIR LINES FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. IT IS NOTED

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SALT LAKE CITY, (164-36) (1)

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT-HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS. 00:SU.

APPROVED NEWS RELEASE MADE LOCALLY BEGINING SEVEN THIRTY-
FIVE AM, APRIL NINE, INSTANT WITHOUT AMPLIFICATION.

SUBJECT'S APPEARANCE U. S. MAGISTRATE, AM. M. FERRO, HELD
NINE AM TODAY, MC COY BOUND WITHOUT BAIL. HEARING SET FOR
APRIL NINETEEN, SEVENTYTWO, AND HEARING HEAVILY COVERED BY
NEWS MEDIA PERSONNEL WHO REVIEWED COMPLAINT PREPARED BY
U. S. ATTORNEY FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF CASE. SEARCH WARRANTS
FOR SUBJECTS RESIDENCE AND TWO CARS ISSUED BY U. S. MAGISTRATE
AND BEING EXECUTED THIS AFTERNOON.

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Approved: C. J. [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 1:45 P M Per as

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/8/72

The following described items were discovered on United Airlines plane number 7426 and were initialed and collected for evidence:

1. Seat 19D: An open pack of Kool cigarettes, cigarette butts from ashtray, and one business card;
2. Seat 19F: Cigarette butts from ashtray;
3. Seats 20D E and F: All items in the pockets of these seats, to wit, United Airlines Mainliner Magazines, airplane emergency cards, and white air sickness bags. Also, cigarette butts from ashtrays.

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SA [redacted]

/ cj

Date dictated 4/8/72

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/8/72

The below listed items were found in the interior of United Airlines plane number 7426. These items were marked, tagged and initialed for submission as physical evidence:

1. One seat headcover found in the toilet bowl of the port rear restroom.
2. Several pieces of a torn note found in the rear pocket of seat 20A.

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by SA [redacted] / cj Date dictated 4/8/72

NR 003 SF PLAIN

1:58PM URGENT 4/9/72 MAH

TO: DIRECTOR
SALT LAKE CITY
DENVER

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-NEW) -P- 1P

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS, OO: SU.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

[REDACTED] WELLS FARGO BANK, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA,
ADVISED TODAY THAT RANSOM MONEY WAS STRAPPED AS FOLLOWS:
HUNDREDS-PLAIN WHITE STRAPS, NO MARKINGS; TWENTYS- BLUE AND WHITE
STRAPS, NO MARKINGS. HOWEVER, ALL BILLS EXCEPT THE HUNDREDS WOULD
HAVE THE INITIALS OF BANK EMPLOYEE WHO STRAPPED THE MONEY ON THE
STRAP. [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW IF THE BANKS NAME APPEARS ON THE
STRAPS. STATES ANY ONE OF MANY EMPLOYEES WOULD HAVE STRAPPED THE
MONEY.

END

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NR 003 SF PLAIN

1:58PM URGENT 4/9/72 MAH

TO: DIRECTOR

SALT LAKE CITY

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FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-DEW) -P- 1P.

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;
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MONEY.

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NR 001 LA PLAIN

259PM URGENT 4-9-72 CXF

TO DIRECTOR

DENVER

LAS VEGAS

SACRAMENTO

SALT LAKE CITY

SAN FRANCISCO

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-NEW) 2P

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR; CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS; OO: SALT LAKE CITY.

[REDACTED] ONTARIO, CALIF., ADVISED TO DATE
BOARDED UAL FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, DENVER, COLO., APPROX.
TWO FIFTEEN P.M. APRIL SEVEN LAST WITH [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] ENROUTE LOS ANGELES, CALIF. [REDACTED] ASSIGNED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRIOR TO TAKE OFF, NOTICED STEWARDESS AND MALE
AIRLINE EMPLOYEE ATTEMPTING TO GET PASSENGER TO LEAVE MEN'S
ROOM IN REAR OF PLANE. THIS MALE PASSENGER LEFT MEN'S ROOM
AND SAT ACROSS AISLE FROM [REDACTED] PRIOR TO
TAKE OFF.

THIS FIRST TIME [REDACTED] OBSERVED THIS INDIVIDUAL b7C
DESCRIBED WHITE, MALE, AGE [REDACTED] - THIRTY, FIVE FEET
EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTYFIVE TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY

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POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, BLACK, MOD STYLE HAIR, BUSHY IN FRONT AND TO COLLAR IN REAR, BUSHY MUSTACHE, MOD TWO-TONE BROWN AND YELLOW SHOES, BLUE SLACKS, DARK JACKET.

DURING FLIGHT, [REDACTED] OBSERVED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD PUT ON ROUND MIRROR STYLE METAL FRAME SUN GLASSES AND ALSO SMALL PIECE OF FLESH COLORED TAPE ON RIGHT CHEEK. b7C

DURING FLIGHT [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THIS INDIVIDUAL LOOKED AND ACTING SUSPICIOUS. [REDACTED] THOUGHT AT FIRST, THIS WAS RUSE ON PART OF PRISONER TO DIVERT HIS ATTENTION SINCE PRISONER TWO TIME ESCAPEE.

[REDACTED] NEVER OBSERVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT BLACK MOD STYLE HAIR OR MUSTACHE. b7C

APPROPRIATE SPREAD OF PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITED TO [REDACTED] INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT. [REDACTED] UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT. [REDACTED] STATES HE MAY BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL IF HE OBSERVED HIM PERSONALLY. b7C

BUREAU ARTIST CURRENT IN LOS ANGELES IS PREPARING PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT INCLUDING MUSTACHE AND MOD HAIR STYLE AS DESCRIBED BY WITNESSES.

SALT LAKE CITY CONTACT USA TO DETERMINE ADVISABILITY OF DISPLAYING PHOTOGRAPHS BEING PREPARED TO FLIGHT CREW, [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] AND OTHER WITNESSES.

SUBJECTS PHOTO BEING FURNISHED DENVER BY SPECIAL COURIER TODAY.

END

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NR006 WA PLAIN

6:37 PM URGENT 4-9-72 BJM
TO SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

UNSUB AKA [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER EIGHT FIVE b7C
FIVE DENVER, COLORADO TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APRIL SEVEN
SEVENTYTWO. CAA DASH HIJACKING.

REURAIRTEL APRIL EIGHT SEVENTYTWO SUBMITTING ELEVEN ENVELOPES
OF MATERIAL FROM HIJACKED AIRCRAFT.

TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED ON BACK OF "MAINLINER"
MAGAZINE MARKED "SEAT TWENTY D" FROM ENVELOPE FOUR HAVE BEEN
IDENTIFIED AS FINGERPRINTS OF RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., ARMY
SERVICE NUMBER RA ONE FOUR SEVEN NINE SIX SEVEN EIGHT NINE.

THIS CONFIRMS BUTELCAL APRIL NINE. COMPLETE REPORT ON
TERMINATION OF EXAMINATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CAA DASH HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE
WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS. OO: SALT LAKE CITY.

RE SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPES INSTANT DATE.

[REDACTED] WAS ASKED TO COME TO OFFICE AT WHICH TIME
HE WAS CAUTIONED NOT TO MAKE ANY ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS. HE THEN
RELATED HE WAS BEING SWAMPED BY REPORTERS, THEREFORE ARRANGEMENTS
MADE FOR [REDACTED] TO STAY THIS NIGHT AT RAMADA INN. b7C

THREE SEARCHES COMPLETED BASED ON SEARCH WARRANTS. ITEMS
LOCATED WERE BLACK HELMET, BLACK JUMP SUIT, GUN, MUSTACHE PASTE
AND MOVING COMPANY BOX FULL OF MONEY (FORTY POUNDS IN WEIGHT).
AGENTS RETURNING FROM PROVO, UTAH, AND COMPLETE INVENTORY WILL
BE MADE INCLUDING BUNDLE COUNT, FINE COUNT AND LIST BY SERIAL BILL.

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RETURNS ON WARRANTS WILL BE PREPARED AND SINCE ITEMS LOCATED
~~WERE BASED ON~~ ^{AS A RESULT OF} SEARCH WARRANTS ARE OF EVIDENTIARY NATURE NO NEWS
RELEASE WILL BE MADE AND NO NEWS INQUIRIES WILL BE ANSWERED CON-
CERNING ITEMS SEIZED UACB.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH U. S. MAGISTRATE
AS TO MAKING RETURNS, WHEN HE IS AVAILABLE.

SUICIDAL TENDENCIES SINCE SUBJECT'S [REDACTED] ADVISED ^{b7C}
THAT DURING DISCUSSIONS RE HIJACKING PLANS SUBJECT INDICATED TO
HER THAT HE WOULD SHOOT HIMSELF IF CAUGHT RATHER THAN BE TAKEN
INTO CUSTODY.

[REDACTED] IS
END. P

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

DATE: 4/9/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CAA-~~XXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ PIRACH, INTERFERING

On 4/9/72 [REDACTED] came to the Office at the request of SAC. [REDACTED] advised that in addition to the information he has already furnished, he wanted to advise that when MC COY took the Utah Air National Guard helicopter to Camp Williams on 4/8/72, he made an unscheduled stop at the Alta Flight and Jump Club. [REDACTED] said that he doesn't know the purpose of the stop, but that MC COY was accompanied on the flight by one [REDACTED] named [REDACTED] who is connected with the 19th Special Forces Unit. b7C

This information is being submitted in the event that all the parachutes are not accounted for, and for general information.

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PRESS RELEASE

FBI Agents early today arrested Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr. at his residence at Provo, Utah, without incident, in connection with the hijacking of the United Air Lines Flight 855 on Friday night, April 7, 1972, according to Acting Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said McCoy is being charged relative to the hijacking of the Newark, New Jersey, to Los Angeles, California, via Denver, Colorado, flight, and diverting the plane to San Francisco where he demanded and received \$500,000, four sport parachutes and the return of his luggage.

Mr. Hoover stated a complaint charging McCoy with aircraft piracy under the Crime Aboard Aircraft Statute was authorized by the United States Attorney, Salt Lake City, Utah, on April 9, 1972. The complaint further charges McCoy with interfering with flight crew members. McCoy took command of the United Air Lines plane near Grand Junction, Colorado. The FBI stated 91 persons were held aboard the aircraft until ^{McCoy's} ~~McCoy's~~ demands were met.

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Mr. Hoover noted McCoy is 29 years of age, Vietnam veteran, married and with children, and is a college student.

The maximum penalty under this statute, if convicted, is death.

McCoy will appear before the United States Magistrate, Salt Lake City, as soon as possible.

All news sources on official news source list, 80-334, telephonically contacted; also NELSON WADSWORTH, National Observer, Stringer, Salt Lake City; plus approximately 60 other news media representatives from East Coast to West Coast. No record made of names.

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1104 AM URGENT 4-10-72 JSG

TO: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (164-120) (P) 3P

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR. CAA - HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE
WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS. OO: SALT LAKE CITY.

REMYTELS, APRIL EIGHT, LAST.

LATE EVENING OF APRIL EIGHT, LAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AURORA, COLORADO, PHONE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] EMPLOYED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DENVER, PRIOR TO PUBLICITY GIVEN APPREHENSION OF
RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

[REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY RESIDED SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALTA AIRPORT, SANDY, UTAH. HE ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (LNU) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AT ALTA AIRPORT,

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HE WAS IN SALT LAKE CITY RECENTLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOLD

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[REDACTED] AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL HE DECLINED TO

IDENTIFY [REDACTED] FOR PURPOSE

HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY.

[REDACTED] WHO IS [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY

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HAS ARREST RECORD IN SALT LAKE CITY FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

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[REDACTED] REQUESTED IDENTITY BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL, BUT

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED]
WHOSE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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b7D

ABOVE FURNISHED SALT LAKE FOR EVALUATION, SINCE DENVER
NOT IN POSSESSION SUFFICIENT FACTS TO DETERMINE IF IT COULD
BE PERTINENT.

SALT LAKE, ADVISE IF FURTHER INTERVIEW OF WATTS
DESIRABLE SINCE APPREHENSION OF SUBJECT.

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NR 003 LV PLAIN

1159 AM URGENT 4-10-72 EB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

SALT LAKE CITY 164-36

FROM LAS VEGAS 164-72

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS, OO: SALT LAKE CITY.

RE BUTEL APRIL NINE LAST AND LAS VEGAS TELCALL TO SALT LAKE
CITY APRIL TEN INSTANT.

REBUTEL INSTRUCTED LAS VEGAS TO CONTINUE TERRAIN SEARCH
IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE ALL PARACHUTES, ELECTRONIC HOMING DEVICES
AND LARGE CANVAS BAG APPARENTLY JETTISONED FROM AIRCRAFT BY
MC COY PRIOR TO HIS JUMP.

TO DATE IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO PINPOINT THE AREA
WHERE THESE ARTICLES MAY HVE BEEN JETTISONED. THEREFORE IT
WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SEARCH AN AREA APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED
FIFTY MILES IN LENGTH. ONLY PLANES AVAILABLE ARE THROUGH
COMMERCIAL CHARTER COMPANIES AND ANY PLANE THAT COULD BE UTILIZED
FOR THIS SEARCH WOULD COST ONE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS AN HOUR.
IT IS ESTIMATED IT WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY FIVE HOURS FOR THE SEARCH.
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INASMUCH AS MONEY AS BEEN RECOVERED, SAC, LAS VEGAS,
DOES NOT FEEL THE EXPENDITURE OF ABOVE AMOUNT FOR TERRAIN SEARCH
IS PRACTICABLE. UACB, LAS VEGAS WILL NOT CONDUCT TERRAIN
SEARCH FOR ABOVE-DESCRIBED ITEMS.

END

RAD SU CLR

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (164-36)

DATE: 4/10/72

FROM : SAC R. P. CALAME

SUBJECT: RICHARD FLOYD McCOY
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT--
AIRCRAFT PIRACY

U. S. Attorney C. NELSON DAY advised ^{at} Noon
4/10/72 he had received a telephone call from [redacted]
[redacted] an attorney, Provo, Utah, associated with the
firm of [redacted]
Street Provo, Utah, and one of his firm members,
namely [redacted] McCOY. b7C

[[[redacted] indicated he had talked to the defendant once
briefly but had not made up his mind whether or not
they would plead him guilty. This is for the record
as to counsel. We should advise the Bureau.

I asked USA DAY if the thought had occurred
to him whether justice ~~is~~ would be served by a
change of venue in this case to San Francisco. Mr. DAY
pondered the question out loud for a while and concluded
that he saw no advantages to such a change, and could
think of several disadvantages. He mentioned specifically
the fact that a great many people in high places in
California apparently have taken a rather strong position
against capital punishment. I thanked Mr. DAY for his
observations.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI **SEATTLE**
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY 164-36RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS. OO SALT LAKE CITY.RE TELEPHONE CALL SEVEN THIRTY AM THIS DATE TO GENERAL INVESTI-
GATIVE DIVISION, **4-10-72 SE RECEIVED TELCALL AND TO**
3U AND SU TELCALLS TO SEATTLE APRIL TEN.
ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH U.S. MAGISTRATE, SALT LAKE CITY, TOMAKE RETURN ON SEARCH WARRANTS AT EIGHT THIRTY AM, U. S. POST
OFFICE AND COURTHOUSE BLDG. LIST OF ITEMS SEIZED PREPARED ON
PLAIN BOND PAPER AND TYPED SHOWING ITEMS SEIZED BY FBI. ALL
ITEMS WERE TAKEN FROM RESIDENCE EXCEPT ONE, A PARACHUTE JUMP
HELMET WHICH WAS TAKEN FROM AN AUTOMOBILE, ALSO BASED ON A
SEARCH WARRANT. COPY OF THIS LIST WHICH SERVED AS PART OF
RETURN ON THE WARRANTS WAS SENT BUREAU VIA TELECOPIER. EXTRA
COPIES OF THIS LIST MADE FOR USE OF U.S. MAGISTRATE FOLLOWING
RETURN OF WARRANTS IN ORDER THEY COULD BE GIVEN OUT AT ~~THE~~ **BY**
MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE TO NEWS MEDIA PRESENT.RPC:FR
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SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS LIST IN ANY WAY. NEWS INQUIRIES RECEIVED CONTINUOUSLY FROM THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES FROM APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FORTYFIVE AM TO NOON. MAJOR CASE PRINTS BEING SUBMITTED TODAY VIA AIRTEL AND APPROPRIATE COLOR AND BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOS BEING PREPARED. ~~SEATTLE~~

~~WILL BE ARRANGED~~ ^{WHEN AVAILABLE} PHOTOS OF ~~MEAD~~ WILL BE FURNISHED TO SEATTLE BY AIR COURIER.

SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: Identification Division
Latent Fingerprint Section

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) (P)

RE: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CAA - HIJACKING,
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT
CREW MEMBERS
(OO:SU)

Re Salt Lake City airtel to Bureau dated 4/8/72, b7C
entitled "UNSUB, aka [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT NO.
855, DENVER, COLORADO, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 4/7/72,
CAA - HIJACKING".

Enclosed for the Bureau are four cards reflecting
the major case prints of Subject MC COY, which were taken b7C
on 4/9/72 by [REDACTED] Salt Lake County
Sheriff's Office.

The Identification Division, Single Fingerprint
Section, is requested to compare these known major case prints
of MC COY with physical evidence previously submitted.

SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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- ② - Salt Lake City

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) (P)
RE: "CHANGED" (INTEROFFICE)
RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CAA - HIJACKING,
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT
CREW MEMBERS
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Title marked "changed" (IO) to show name of subject.
Title formerly carried as "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka [REDACTED]
UAL FLIGHT 855, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, 4/7/72; CAA - HIJACKING."

Re Little Rock teletype to Bureau, 4/8/72, and
Little Rock nitel to Salt Lake City dated 4/8/72.

Offices receiving this communication should discontinue
investigation since subject has been identified, arrested and
all money found.

SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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- 2 - Memphis
- 2 - Salt Lake City

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5:04PM URGENT 4/10/72 CRH

TO: SALT LAKE CITY

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-256) 1P

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.: CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS, OO: SALT LAKE CITY.

THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED FOR THE INFORMATION OF SALT LAKE
CITY:

UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE SAN FRANCISCO
OFFICE THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT "TWO PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE OF
INTEREST TO THE FBI IN THE HIJACKING OF UNITED AIR LINES FLIGHT
EIGHT FIVE FIVE, APRIL SEVEN, LAST, WERE [REDACTED] WHOSE
[REDACTED] IS AN OFFICIAL OF UNITED AIR LINES AND [REDACTED] BOTH
OF WHOM RESIDE IN PROVO, UTAH." CALLER DID NOT FURNISH ANY OTHER
INFORMATION AND REFUSED TO STATE WHY THEY MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO
THE BUREAU.

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1014 ZPM NITEL 4-10-72 JCD

TO SALT LAKE CITY

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-580) 1P

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR; CAA-HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE
WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS, OO: SALT LAKE CITY

RE LA TEL APRIL NINE LAST.

UAL EMPLOYEES, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALL PASSENGERS ON UAL FLIGHT

EIGHT FIVE FIVE, VIEWED PHOTO SPREADS. UNABLE TO IDENTIFY
SUBJECT AS HIJACKER. FD THREE ZERO TWO FOLLOW.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO
SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SALT LAKE CITY (164-24)

NORJAK.

RE: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR. CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT -
HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS. OO: SALT LAKE
CITY.

MC COY ARRESTED BY BUREAU AGENTS APRIL NINE LAST AND
BEING CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN NORJAK.

AIRLINES FLYING SALT LAKE CITY TO PORTLAND ARE UNITED
AIRLINES FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT SEVEN LEAVING SEVEN TWENTY A.M.
ARRIVING PORTLAND TEN THIRTY A.M., AND AIR WEST FLIGHT SEVEN
SEVEN TWO LEAVING SALT LAKE CITY SEVEN FIFTY A.M. WOULD APPEAR
TO BE ONLY FLIGHTS FROM SALT LAKE CITY WHICH WOULD MAKE CONNECTION

~~IN NORJAK~~ POSSIBLY PERTINENT.

MC COY IN CURRENT HIJACKING FLEW SALT LAKE CITY TO
DENVER ONE WEEK PRIOR TO HIJACKING, APRIL SEVEN LAST, APPARENTLY
MAKING A "DRY RUN" USING NAME R. MC COY.

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CHICAGO CONTACT UNITED AIRLINES REGARDING FLIGHTS FROM
SALT LAKE CITY TO PORTLAND FROM NOVEMBER TEN TO NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR
LAST AND RETURN FLIGHTS ~~FROM~~ ^{SEATTLE AND} PORTLAND TO SALT LAKE CITY FROM
NOVEMBER TEN TO NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN LAST, CHECKING FOR THE NAMES
R. MC COY AND D. B. COOPER.

SAN FRANCISCO AT AIR WEST RESERVATIONS CENTER, SAN
FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COVER SAME LEAD AS SET FORTH
ABOVE.

CHICAGO AND SAN FRANCISCO ADVISE RESULTS AT EARLIEST
TIME. P.

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FROM CHICAGO (164-323) 2P

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, CAA.

ORIGINAL UAL TICKET ISSUED MARCH THIRTY ONE LISTED TO
R. MC COY OBTAINED TODAY. TICKET INDICATES AGENT NO. EIGHTY,
[REDACTED] AT SALT LAKE CITY ISSUED INSTANT TICKET FOR FLIGHT
FOUR SIX ZERO LEAVING SALT LAKE CITY ELEVEN THIRTY A.M. ON
MARCH THIRTY ONE LAST AND PAYMENT WAS IN CASH. R. MC COY
WAS SELECTEE ON FLIGHT FOUR SIX ZERO AND PIECE OF IDENTI-
FICATION WAS DEMANDED APPARENTLY FROM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] UAL CG INDICATES [REDACTED] HAS DIM RECOLLECTION
OF MC COY.

CHECK OF FIGHT FOUR SIX ZERO FOR APRIL SEVEN LAST
REFLECTS RESERVATION MADE AT SEVEN ZERO SEVEN A.M. IN SALT
LAKE CITY BY ONE [REDACTED] ONE WAY TO DENVER. [REDACTED]
FURNISHED TELEPHONE CONTACT AT SALT LAKE OF THREE NINE FOUR-
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FOUR FIVE SIX THREE.

UAL CG REQUESTS THAT CG OFFICE UAL BE ADVISED WHEN
RANSOM MONEY CAN BE RELEASED SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE
MADE THROUGH A LOCAL BANK IN SALT LAKE CITY TO DEPOSIT SAME.

SALT LAKE CITY IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE CG AS TO WHETHER
INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED IF SUBJECT WAS IN SALT LAKE CITY
AREA SUBSEQUENT TO MARCH THIRTY ONE LAST SO THAT SEARCH OF
RECORDS AT UAL CG CAN BE SIMPLIFIED.

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TO DIRECTOR
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RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CAA - HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE
WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS. OO SU.

REMYTEL APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT.

ADDITIONAL RESERVE PARACHUTE, OD IN COLOR, FOUND IN STEEL
CULVERT ON FOURTH SOUTH, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH, ABOUT ONE MILE WEST
NEAR A RAILROAD OVERPASS BY FOURTEEN YEAR OLD BOY. PARACHUTE IS
TWENTYFOUR FEET CHEST RESERVE, PART NUMBER FOUR EIGHT ONE SEVEN ONE
FIVE SIX DASH TWO, MANUFACTURED BY IRVING AIR CHUTE CO., INC.
INSIDE A POCKET IN PARACHUTE WAS RECORD LOG OF THE SCHOOL OF SPORTS
PARACHUTING, OAKLAND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, BOX TWO FIVE FIVE THREE,
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, WHICH SHOWS OWNER OF PARACHUTE AS THE STEVENS
PARA-LOFT. A SERIAL NUMBER LOCATED ON THE CHUTE AS SIX SEVEN DASH
ONE SEVEN ONE.

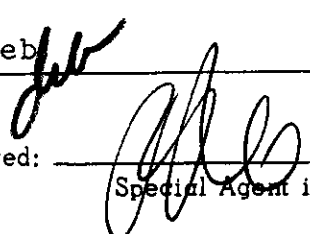
THREE WITNESSES DEVELOPED AT HI SPOT DRIVE-IN, FOUR HUNDRED
SOUTH STREET AND MAIN, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH, WHO IDENTIFIED SUBJECT

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AND ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY MIDNIGHT, APRIL SEVEN LAST, HE PURCHASED A LARGE SIZE CHOCOLATE MALT AND THE MALT WAS SERVED IN HI SPOT DRIVE-IN PAPER CUP. SUBJECT, AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FIFTEEN A.M., APRIL EIGHT LAST, REMARKED TO ONE OF THE WITNESSES,

[REDACTED] SPRINGVILLE,

[REDACTED] THAT HE HAD BEEN STRANDED BY SOME FRIENDS AND SUBJECT STATED HE WOULD GIVE [REDACTED] FIVE DOLLARS TO DRIVE

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HIM TO PROVO, UTAH. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE PULLED TO THE CURB
ON THE WEST SIDE OF A NORTH DASH SOUTH STREET
AT THE THIRD HOUSE SOUTH ~~ON THREE HUNDRED SOUTH STREET~~

~~WEST SIDE OF THE STREET~~, PROVO. AT THIS TIME HE RECEIVED THE FIVE DOLLAR BILL AND LET HIS PASSENGER OUT.

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SUBJECT'S [REDACTED] U.S. ARMY, STATIONED AT FORT LEONARDWOOD, MISSOURI, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT SALT LAKE CITY AND COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION; HOWEVER, SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF THE SUBJECT WAS OBTAINED.

SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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FROM SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) 1P

NORJAK

RE RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., CAA - HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE
WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS. 00: SU

RE SU TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, DATED APRIL TEN LAST.

ON APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HUGHES AIR WEST, SECOND AND ELLSWORTH, SAN MATEO, CALIF.,
MADE AVAILABLE THE HUGHES AIR WEST TICKETS REQUESTED IN REFERENCED
COMMUNICATION. THE ABOVE MENTIONED TICKETS WERE REVIEWED
AS REQUESTED IN RETEL. THE REVIEW OF THESE TICKETS WAS MET
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THIS REVIEW FAILED TO REFLECT ANY R. MC COY
D.B. COOPER, OR ANY NAME SIMILAR, FLYING FROM SU TO SE, OR PD, OR FROM
PD OR SE TO SU.

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FROM SALT LAKE CITY (164-24)

NORJAK. 00:SE.

REVIEW OF NORJAK CASE FILE, SU DIVISION, REVEALED NUMEROUS SIMILARITIES IN M.O. OF CAPTIONED CASE AND SU CASE ENTITLED "RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT DASH HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS (UAL).

IN NORJAK ENVELOPE CONTAINING INSTRUCTIONS FURNISHED STEWARDESS. IN UAL, ENVELOPE AND TWO-PAGE SINGLE SPACED, TYPE-WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS, WITH ENVELOPE CONTAINING HAND GRENADE SAFETY PIN AND FORTY-FIVE CALIBER CARTRIDGE GIVEN TO STEWARDESS.

SUBJECT IN NORJAK EXHIBITED CONTENTS OF ATTACHE CASE ALLEGED TO CONTAIN DYNAMITE. IN UAL CASE, HIJACKER EXHIBITED GUN AND GRENADE AND INDICATED HE HAD PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE.

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INSTRUCTING PILOT TO FLY AT NOT MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND FEET, WITH FLAPS AT FIFTEEN DEGREES, THE LANDING GEAR DOWN AND REAR STEPS OF PLANE ALSO DOWN, PLANE INVOLVED BEING BOEING SEVEN TWO SEVEN, A TRI-JET, WITH STAIRS AT REAR. HIJACKER FINALLY AGREED TO HAVING STEPS RAISED. (IT IS NOTED BOEING SEVEN TWO SEVEN AIRCRAFT UNABLE TO TAKE OFF WITH STAIRS IN LOWERED POSITION. HOWEVER IN ORDER FOR STAIRS TO BE LOWERED IN FLIGHT, IT IS NECESSARY THAT REAR PRESSURED DOOR BE IN OPEN POSITION ON TAKE-OFF.)

CONTINUING IN NORJAK, STEWARDESS REMAINED IN CABIN WITH HIJACKER, AND HIJACKER HAD STEWARDESS SHOW HIM HOW TO LOWER STEPS AND ORDERED HER TO GO TO FIRST-CLASS SECTION. UAL CASE, HIJACKER ORDERED STEWARDESS TO GO TO FRONT SECTION OF PLANE AND DID NOT REQUIRE INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW TO OPERATE LOWERING MECHANISM OF REAR STAIRS.

NORJAK CASE, PLANE CAPTAIN IN CONTACT WITH HIJACKER BY INTER-COM AND JUST PRIOR TO FINAL COMMUNICATION WITH HIJACKER, CAPTAIN HAD SIGNAL INDICATING STAIRS HAD BEEN LOWERED.

UAL CASE, PLANE CREW ON OXYGEN FLYING AT SIXTEEN THOUSAND
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FEET FOR PERIOD OF ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS PRIOR TO HIJACKER JUMPING DUE TO OPEN REAR STAIRS.

NORJAK CASE, BOEING SEVEN TWO SEVEN FLYING AT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY KNOTS. UAL CASE, BOEING SEVEN TWO SEVEN FLYING AT ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY KNOTS, WHICH APPROXIMATES TWO HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR OR THREE MILES PER MINUTE, AT INSTRUCTION OF HIJACKER.

NORJAK CASE, TWO PARACHUTES REMAINED ON AIRCRAFT WHEN IT ARRIVED RENO, NEVADA, ONE OF WHICH WAS OPEN AND THREE SHROUD LINES HAD BEEN CUT AND REMOVED FROM PARACHUTE, PRESUMABLY TO TIE RANSOM MONEY PACKAGE TO HIJACKER. UAL CASE, HIJACKER JETTISONED ONE, TWO OR THREE PARACHUTES IN NEVADA, AT LEAST ONE CONTAINING HOMING DEVICE AND HAD ROPE OR HARNESS IN HIS POSSESSION TO FASTEN MONEY AND EQUIPMENT TO HIM. IN UAL CASE ROPE WAS NINETEEN FEET LONG, WITH EYE GROMMETS. IN INTERVIEW OF LOCAL NATIONAL GUARD PARACHUTE JUMPER, HE INDICATED IT IS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE IN NATIONAL GUARD UNITS TO HAVE "H" HARNESS WITH WHICH EQUIPMENT PACKAGE IS STRAPPED TO BODY. APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FOOT ROPE IS FASTENED TO HARNESS AND EQUIPMENT PACKAGE, AND AFTER PARACHUTE IS OPENED, JUMPER

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LOWERS PACKAGE SO IT DANGLES BELOW HIM. AS JUMPER APPROACHES GROUND, HE RELEASES ROPE FROM BODY HARNESS WITH RESULT PACKAGE WILL DROP IN IMMEDIATE AREA OF LANDING. JUMPER CANNOT RETAIN PACKAGE FASTENED TO BODY AS THIS WOULD HINDER LANDING OPERATION AND POSSIBLY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION IN BOTH CASES IS REMARKABLY SIMILAR. IN NORJAK CASE, SUBJECT IS DESCRIBED AS POSSIBLY IN MID-FORTIES, AND PERSONAL OBSERVATION OF SUBJECT, AGE TWENTY-NINE, GIVES IMMEDIATE IMPRESSION OF MAN POSSIBLY FORTY. COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH OF NORJAK SUBJECT BEARS STRONG RESEMBLANCE, PARTICULARLY HAIRLINE, HAIR PART, SHAPE OF FACE AND NOSE. IN NORJAK CASE, WITNESSES DESCRIBED SUBJECT'S COMPLEXION AS OLIVE, LATIN APPEARANCE, MEDIUM SMOOTH. IN UAL CASE, WITNESSES LIKEWISE DESCRIBED SUBJECT AS OF DARK COMPLEXION, POSSIBLY MEXICAN, BELIEVED DUE TO MAKE UP. IN NORJAK CASE, SUBJECT DESCRIBED AS HAVING SIDEBURNS AT LOW EAR LEVEL. SUBJECT IN UAL CASE UPON ARREST HAS SIDEBURNS TO BOTTOM LOBE OF EAR. IN NORJAK CASE, WITNESSES STATED VOICE HAD NO PARTICULAR ACCENT, POSSIBLY FROM MID-WEST SECTION OF U.S. IN UAL CASE,

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WITNESSES DESCRIBED SUBJECT'S VOICE AS NORMAL AND DID NOT REFER TO ANY ACCENT OF ANY TYPE.

IN NORJAK CASE, UNSUB DESCRIBED AS HEAVY SMOKER OF RALEIGH FILTER TIP CIGARETTES. IN UAL CASE, SUBJECT BROUGHT SUPPLY OF CANDY AND CONTINUALLY EATING CANDY DURING FLIGHT. IT IS NOTED UAL INVESTIGATION HAS NOT INDICATED UAL SUBJECT SMOKES; HOWEVER IS FROM RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA. CANDY COULD BE SUBSTITUTE FOR CIGARETTES; HOWEVER SUBJECT IN EACH CASE OBVIOUSLY NERVOUS.

IN UAL CASE, THERE IS OBVIOUS EVIDENCE SUBJECT ATTEMPTED TO DISGUISE HIMSELF AFTER BOARDING PLANE, IN THAT HE ON TWO OCCASIONS SPENT EXTENDED PERIODS IN LAVATORY AND EMERGED WITH BLACK HAIR WIG AND FALSE MUSTACHE.

NORJAK CASE, SUBJECT DURING LATTER PART OF FLIGHT PUT ON DARK WRAP-AROUND SUNGLASSES, WITH DARK RIMS. UAL CASE, SUBJECT BOARDED PLANE WITH MIRROR TYPE SUNGLASSES.

IN NORJAK CASE, SUBJECT BELIEVED TO HAVE DEPARTED PLANE IN AREA CONTAINING A NOTICEABLE BEACON AND FARM LAND. IN UAL CASE, SUBJECT DEPARTED PLANE SHORTLY AFTER HEADING EAST OF UTAH LAKE

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NEAR AIRPORT WITH BEACON AND IMMEDIATELY BEYOND, FARM LAND THUS PROVIDING EXCELLENT BEARINGS FOR JUMP.

IN NORJAK CASE, UNSUB VERY INSISTENT UPON RETRIEVING INSTRUCTIONS AFTER READING BY PILOT. IN UAL CASE, SUBJECT LIKEWISE INSISTENT UPON RETRIEVING INSTRUCTIONS. ADVANCE PREPARATION OF FLIGHT PLAN INSTRUCTIONS IN UAL CASE COULD LOGICALLY REPRESENT REFINEMENT OF M.O.

INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] OF UAL SUBJECT INDICATES SUBJECT ^{b7C} HAD ADVISED HER THAT IF HE WERE EVER TO BE INVOLVED IN HIJACKING, HE WOULD NOT SPEND ANY OF HIJACKED LOOT FOR MANY YEARS BECAUSE IT WOULD BE MARKED WITH SUBSTANCE THAT WOULD BE VISIBLE BY USE OF AN ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT AND HE WOULD NOT SPEND ANY OF THE MONEY FOR MANY YEARS BECAUSE HE BELIEVED HE COULD NOT BE PROSECUTED AFTER SEVEN YEARS FOLLOWING THE CRIME.

INTERVIEWS OF ACQUAINTANCES OF SUBJECT IN UAL CASE INDICATE SUBJECT OBSESSED WITH IDEA OF HIJACKING AND CONTINUALLY BROUGHT UP DISCUSSIONS WHEREIN HE ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN OPINIONS AS TO WHAT THE OTHER HIJACKERS HAD DONE WRONG IN THEIR OPERATION. THESE ACQUAINTANCES DESCRIBED SUBJECT IN UAL CASE AS NOT PARTICULARLY EXPERT

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JUMPER AND FURTHER DISCUSSED SPECIAL PROBLEMS ATTENDANT TO NIGHTTIME JUMPS.

IT IS NOTED THAT IN SEARCH OF UAL SUBJECT'S VEHICLE, HE HAD NEWSPAPER ARTICLE CONCERNING UAL HIJACKING IN CAR, AND IT IS FURTHER NOTED THAT SEARCH OF SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE DISCOVERED FILE OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS CONCERNING NORJAK CASE.

SU IS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF UAL SUBJECT NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR LAST AND PERIODS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR THERETO.

BANK ACCOUNT RECORDS HAVE BEEN LOCATED AND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE APRIL TWELVE NEXT.

INSTRUCTORS AT BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY (BYU) ADVISED ATTENDANCE RECORDS NOT KEPT AND THREE INSTRUCTORS RECALLED PERIODS OF ABSENCE DURING AUTUMN SEMESTER, NINETEEN SEVENTY-ONE, WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. HOWEVER, NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION DEVELOPED THESE SOURCES.

TELEPHONE TOLL RECORDS BEING OBTAINED.

NATIONAL GUARD RECORDS BEING OBTAINED TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE DUTY OF SUBJECT DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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SINCE UAL SUBJECT BELIEVED TO HAVE MADE DRY RUN ON SAME DAY OF WEEK ONE WEEK BEFORE HIJACK FLIGHTS, LEADS SET OUT TO CHECK FOR TRANSPORTATION ONE, TWO, THREE OR FOUR WEEKS BEFORE NORJAK.

IT IS NOTED PHOTOGRAPHS OF UAL SUBJECT HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO NORJAK OFFICES HAVING WITNESSES, THESE PHOTOGRAPHS BEING STANDUP FRONT AND PROFILE, BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS, AS WELL AS TWO TYPES OF COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS.

ABOVE IS BASED ON VERY LIMITED INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO SU ON NORJAK CASE. HOWEVER, SEATTLE IS SENDING ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND IT IS BELIEVED THERE WILL BE MANY MORE SIMILARITIES IN THESE TWO CASES.

SU'S REPORT IS IN TYPING AND COPY WILL BE FURNISHED SE AND PD.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Also, In The Box Was ... \$499,970

An inventory of evidence seized at the home of Richard Floyd McCoy Jr., 29, Provo, charged in a \$500,000 skyjacking of a United Air Lines plane, was provided today by the FBI.

It included:

—A blue and white parachute, black parachute harness, a military type jump parachute helmet, an official military flight suit and a military style flight suit with two aerial flare cartridges in the pocket.

—A green military canvas bag, a black crash helmet, a brown striped sports coat, a

silver-colored wrist watch and two electric typewriters.

—A cardboard box containing various items of clothing, a pistol, a holster and a black glove.

Almost as an afterthought, it mentioned that the box contained \$499,970 in U.S. currency, most of it still wrapped in bank bands.

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Behavior At Drill 'Ordinary'

By JOE BAUMAN

Deseret News Staff Writer

"He was at drill all day Saturday," Robert Van Ieperen, said Sunday, referring to his closest friend, accused skyjacker Richard Floyd McCoy Jr. of Provo.

Van Ieperen is a Utah Highway Patrol trooper. He was on duty at the Utah Army National Guard's Army Aviation Support facility — a military airfield near the Salt Lake International Airport.

ARREST FACTOR

His testimony to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, apparently was one of the factors that led to the arrest of McCoy Sunday morning as he left for another day of National Guard duty.

When interviewed Sunday afternoon, Van Ieperen had just landed a big Huey helicopter he had piloted from Fillmore.

"Yes," he said, "Richard was in the National Guard all day Saturday." Late Friday night McCoy allegedly bailed out of a United Air Lines 727 near Provo carrying \$500,000 ransom money.

ORDINARY BEHAVIOR

Did he seem exhausted? Van Ieperen was asked.

"No."

Was there anything out of the ordinary about his behavior that day?

"No, a thing."

Quartermasters with the Headquarters Unit of the 11th Engineering Group confirmed Van Ieperen's report.

"He flew out of here all the time," said Capt. John Welsh. "All of the pilots of the different units come here."

"He is just a nice, easy-going guy, just a regular kind of guy."

GOOD RECORD

Maj. Gen. Maurice Watts, the Utah adjutant general, said he wasn't personally acquainted with McCoy, "but as far as I know he performed his duties in a satisfactory manner. He never caused any trouble for anybody. He had a good record."

Van Ieperen added, "I think he is an outstanding aviator, and for that matter, I think he is an outstanding person. There's nothing I wouldn't do for Richard McCoy — including lending him money."

"I think he's the greatest."

CONVERSATION NOTED

Van Ieperen informed the FBI, according to the complaint filed in the arrest, that McCoy told him three weeks ago it would be possible to hijack a plane if someone were carrying his own parachute and then threw out bugged parachutes supplied by the airlines. The beeper in the latter would throw searchers off the track, McCoy is alleged to have said.

McCoy's remarks followed a spectacular and unsuccessful hijacking.

"He mentioned a few things that maybe he would have done that this guy didn't," Van Ieperen said.

"Richard's my best friend," he added. "I fly with him every weekend."

"I think he's one of the finest people I know."

"I don't believe it — I still don't believe it — I don't think he hijacked that plane."

Van Ieperen did not think his statement to the FBI was in itself sufficient grounds to arrest McCoy. "I talked about hijacking a plane myself," he said. "The other day I talked about robbing a bank. As I say, this was just a casual conversation we had."

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'He's Innocent— I'll Stand By Him'

RALEIGH, N.C. (UPI) — "War does funny things to people sometimes," Richard F. McCoy Sr. said Sunday afternoon, nervously trying to keep busy in his backyard.

McCoy had learned only hours earlier that his son, Richard Jr., had been arrested and charged with the \$500,000 hijacking of a United Airlines flight that ended in a parachute jump over Utah.

A newsman asked him how he reacted to the news.

"I just don't know what to think," said McCoy, 52, a retired Army master sergeant. "I have to consider him innocent. I have to stand by him."

He said his son had always been active in the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and added, "I don't see how he could do such a thing and be consistent with the church's teachings. But war does funny things to people sometimes."

His son had spent two tours of duty in Vietnam with the Army.

He said his son, 29, had not been in any financial difficulty so far as he knew.

"They're not rich, but he has the G.I. Bill and his wife works," McCoy said, referring to the son's enrollment at Brigham Young University.

"He never asked me for any money. He was making good grades," he added.

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men hold vigil at hijack suspect's home in Provo while FBI agents search for clues.

Provoan Jailed in Air Piracy

By ROGER PUSEY,
HAL KNIGHT and
LEO PERRY

Deseret News Staff Writers

FBI agents have recovered \$499,970 of the \$500,000 ransom paid to a skyjacker who parachuted from a United Air Lines 727 jetliner over the Provo area late Friday.

The money was in a cardboard box and was among several items seized Sunday by agents armed with search warrants who combed the apartment, yard and two automobiles belonging to Richard Floyd McCoy Jr., 29, 360 S. 200 East, Provo.

McCoy is being held in the Salt Lake County Jail without bail on federal charges of air piracy and interfering with a flight attendant.

ARRESTED SUNDAY

He was arrested about 5:30 a.m. Sunday as he was leaving his home to attend a Utah National Guard drill. He offered no resistance to FBI agents.

The FBI had been watching the house since Saturday afternoon on the quiet, tree-lined residential street about two blocks from downtown Provo.

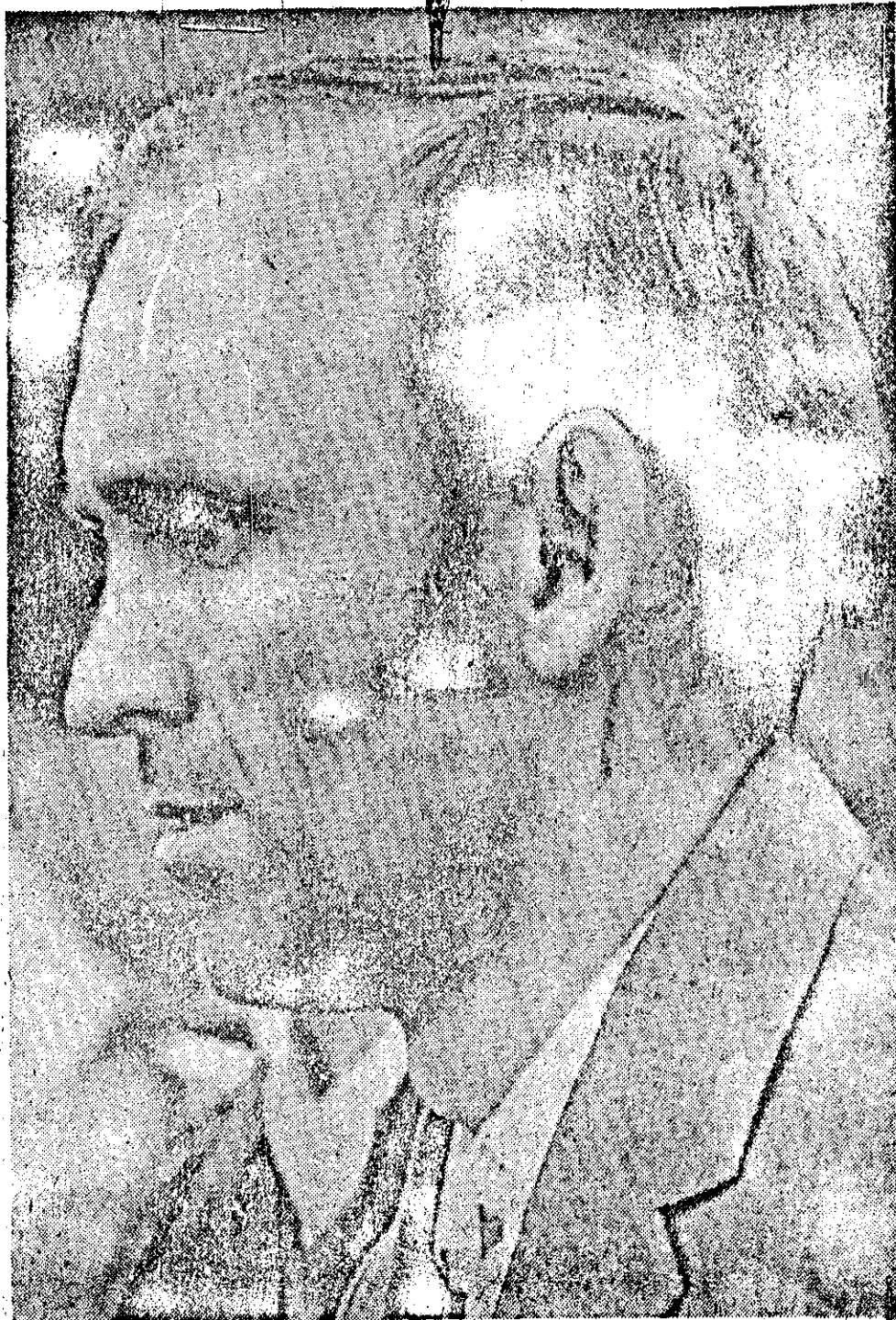
The stake-out of the house apparently was based on information first supplied by McCoy's sister-in-law and a good friend of McCoy who is a Utah Highway Patrolman.

For most of Saturday some 200 lawmen had conducted a 12-hour search of the area around Provo after it was determined that the skyjacker apparently had parachuted from the airliner near Utah Lake.

NO TRACE FOUND

However, they found no trace of the skyjacker and FBI agents are still investigating to determine where the skyjacker actually landed and how he eluded the massive search.

McCoy, a father of two, a Vietnam veteran and a Brigham Young University student majoring in law enforcement, was taken before U.S. Magistrate A. M. [unclear] arrest.



Richard Floyd McCoy Jr. is charged with \$500,000 skyjacking.

A member of the 115th Engineer Group, a National Guard unit which meets in Murray, he was dressed in Army fatigues when arrested. He had also spent all day Saturday at a National Guard drill, according to friends. (See accompanying story, Page A-2.)

KEPT CALM

He was calm and chatted with FBI agents about his experiences in Vietnam. He used a small room in federal offices in Salt Lake City to change into a grey suit before seeing Ferro on the charges.

McCoy told the magistrate that his only source of income was \$243 per month from the GI Bill, and added, "But I'm sure that will be terminated now."

He was informed of his rights and indicated he wanted Ferro to appoint an attor-

ney for him.

William J. Geiermann, FBI special agent, signed the complaint before Ferro. U.S. Atty. C. Nelson Day recommended that McCoy be held without bail because of the seriousness of the crime.

The magistrate said a preliminary hearing would be held April 19 at 2 p.m. pending approval of McCoy's attorney. The arrested man was then taken to the jail by U.S. Marshal Royal K. Buttars and his deputies.

The dramatic skyjacking took place on a UAL scheduled flight from Newark, N.J., to Los Angeles, Calif., with a stop in Denver, Colo.

The complaint against McCoy included the following details:

When the plane left Denver at 2:36 p.m. Friday it was carrying 85 passengers and



An unidentified FBI agent digs in pile of trash in search of money.

AP Wire PT

six crew members. After being airborne for 30 minutes, a man wearing a wig, fake mustache, mirrored sun glasses, a blue suit and pink shirt, handed a typewritten note to a stewardess, Diane M. Surdam and exhibited a hand grenade to her.

GIVEN NOTE

He told her to take an envelope to the pilot. It contained a note which said "Grenade — Pin Pulled — Pistol" along with a bullet, a grenade pin and a regular Federal Aviation Administration flight plan form.

The skyjacker shook his hand containing the grenade at the stewardess as he gave her instructions.

The flight plan directed the aircraft's pilot to fly to San Francisco instead of Los Angeles. The skyjacker also demanded \$500,000 in ransom and four parachutes in other notes after the plane landed.

OTHER ORDERS

Notes also ordered the pilot to have the craft refueled for six hours flight and to have all the passengers' luggage removed.

A passenger, William Richard Coggin, said the skyjacker told him to report to the captain of the plane as the craft sat on the ground with all the passengers still inside.

The captain told Coggin that the skyjacker had ordered Coggin to leave the plane and pickup from the ground near the aircraft some luggage and parachutes which had been delivered there by the airlines.

LUGGAGE, CHUTES

Coggin brought back on the plane a large blue piece of luggage belonging to the skyjacker, some parachutes and two large briefcases containing the ransom money.

The skyjacker then handed the stewardesses another note which ordered all the passengers off the plane. It read: "Everybody off now except stewardesses — they stay put. Get the hell off the GD!! Be quick, about it — use this runway."

When the plane took off at 7:40 p.m. The skyjacker had the stewardess deliver another set of instructions directing the pilot to fly over Tonopah, Nev.

EXPLOSIVE HINTED

One of the notes said that if chase planes were observed following the airliner, the skyjacker would detonate an explosive in the jetliner after he parachuted out.

One of the notes also stated that if any of the crew, particularly the stewardesses,

turned around to observe the skyjacker, "It would be a long fall without a parachute."

The skyjacker also ordered that all of his notes and flight plans be returned, but Mrs. Surdam kept one hand-written note, which was later turned over to the FBI.

Near Utah the plane was ordered to fly from the vicinity of Marysville, Puite County, toward the Salt Lake City International Airport, then near Fairfield, Utah County, the pilot was told to fly easterly toward Price.

The rear door to the plane was open at this time and a few minutes after turning toward Price the crew reported that the skyjacker was no longer inside the aircraft.

The plane then turned toward the Salt Lake Airport where it landed shortly before

midnight. As the massive ground search started in the pre-dawn hours Saturday, the FBI was already moving in other directions.

According to the complaint, at approximately 9:30 p.m. Friday, McCoy's sister-in-law called Robert Van Ieperen, a Utah Highway Patrol Trooper who is a close friend of McCoy.

Van Ieperen said she asked him if McCoy was on a mission of some sort. She called again at 11:30 p.m. and said McCoy was not home and she was "scared to death" as McCoy earlier had talked to her about helping him on a skyjacking.

After this Van Ieperen apparently contacted FBI agents.

The FBI promptly had McCoy's official Army person-

nel records pulled in Washington, D. C. and the hand-printed skyjacker's note was compared with handwriting in those records.

Experts declared that the note was identical with and written by the same person as the handwriting in McCoy's official records.

Pictures of McCoy also were obtained. A number of photographs of different people were shown to Coggin by the FBI and he identified McCoy's photo as the skyjacker, the complaint stated.

Interviews established that McCoy is a skydiver, a helicopter pilot who has access to FAA flight plan forms, has several pistols and in view of his past military experience, it would be possible for him to have a hand grenade.

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Hijacking Alert

Now Effective

At S.L. Airport

Precautions aimed at guarding against hijacking of commercial airliners operating out of Salt Lake City International Airport are in effect, airline officials said Monday.

But all are reluctant to discuss specifics of these precautions for fear they will lose their effectiveness.

What is clear after a series of interviews with airline and airport officials is that the airlines themselves have instituted certain procedures to decrease the possibility of hijacking and the airport has initiated security procedures aimed at limiting access to just about all but public areas of the airport.

'No Comment'

Gene Lether, a United Airlines (UAL) official here, asked about precautions answered with a flat "No comment."

To say anything, he added, would mean there would be no security procedures, and would-be hijackers could figure out ways to circumvent them.

A UAL flight was hijacked Friday in Denver and a Provo man was arrested Sunday after allegedly bailing out of the Boeing 727 over Provo with \$500,000 ransom collected in San Francisco.

Donald O'Hare, supervisor of American Airlines airport services, said, "We have them (precautions). But we are not at liberty to discuss them."

Profile Method

All of the airlines are apparently using the passenger profile method, which involves several steps used by employees in detecting potential hijackers.

Hughes Air West is using a detection device at each gate to screen boarding passengers for devices which may be used in a hijack attempt.

Norm Hansen, regional marketing director for Hughes Air West, declined specific comment on the device though. He said that policemen observe the flight of nearly every flight leaving the airport, which serves as a deterrent.

A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman in Denver said the main thrust of present efforts is with the use of passenger profile method, a screening of all carry-on baggage and stepped-up security at commercial airports.

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FBI Holds \$499,970 In Skyjack Ransom

By Clark Lobb
Tribune Staff Writer

Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters in Salt Lake City announced casually Monday that agents had placed in evidence \$499,970 taken Sunday from the Provo premises of accused skyjacker Richard Floyd McCoy Jr.

The money, "almost all in bank straps and some loose currency," was mentioned as the last of 13 items on the second page of a two-page report released Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the Post Office Building, 350 S. Main.

It was signed by Special Agents James D. Downey and Lote Kinney Jr., Salt Lake City.

After listing clothing, a watch, two typewriters, two flight suits, a parachute and harness, two helmets, a green canvas bag, pistol, holster and a black glove, the agents added:

"Also located in the cardboard box was United States currency, almost all in bank straps and loose currency, totaling \$499,970."

Arrested At Home

McCoy was arrested early Sunday morning at his Provo residence, 360 S. 200 East, and charged with air piracy and "interference with flight attendant." The former count carries a maximum death penalty. The suspect is being held in Salt Lake City-County Jail without bond. Preliminary hearing is set for April 19 at 2 p.m. before U. S. Magistrate A. M. Ferro in the Post Office Building.

Here is the complete text of the FBI announcement (dated Sunday):

"FBI agents seized the following items under the authority of a search warrant signed on April 9, 1972, by U. S. Magistrate A. M. Ferro at Salt Lake City, Utah. These items were seized from the premises of Richard Floyd McCoy Jr. at 360 S. 200 East Street, Provo, Utah.

"One men's brown striped sport coat with Alexandre label.

"One men's Rolex Osterdate watch, silver in color, with inscription R. F. McCoy, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Typewriters Also Seized

"One electric Smith-Corona typewriter, in case, with Number MIL-I-16910.

"One electric Smith-Corona typewriter, in case, Model Electra 120, Number MIL-I-16910 (an agent said it seemed likely there was a typographical error in the listing of the same serial number for both typewriters, but added he was not sure).

"One green military type flight suit with two aerial flare cartridges in pocket.

"One military flight suit, green in color, type Number CWU 1/P.

"One black parachute harness manufactured by Security Parachute Co., Inc., San Leandro, Calif.

"One parachute, blue and white, some red trim.

"One military canvas green bag manufactured by Eastern Canvas Products, Inc., 11/1963, Number S460-606-8366.

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"One black helmet, crash type, with white strap snap-on back.

"One military green helmet, jump type.

"One large cardboard box containing various items of clothing, a pistol, holster and a black glove.

Money in Bank Straps

"Also located in the cardboard box was United States currency, almost all in bank straps and some loose currency, totaling \$499,970."

Russell P. Calame, Salt Lake City agent in charge, said he could not add anything to the list and refused to an-

swer questions as to whether the money was marked, why the amount seized was \$30 less than the \$500,000 listed Sunday as ransom paid or any other query.

The 29-year-old McCoy, a junior at Brigham Young University majoring in law enforcement, was arrested without incident. He was dressed in Utah Army National Guard fatigues in preparation for Guard drills Sunday. He was assigned to Headquarters, Headquarters Co., 115th Engineer Group, Murray, and was a helicopter pilot, said Maj. Gen. Maurice L. Watts, Utah adjutant general.

The suspect also was reported to have

been a regular weekend skydiver at Alta Sky Park, 8700-17th East, Sandy.

McCoy's arrest climaxed a search of several Utah counties by ground, air and water after a hijacker bailed out of a United Air Lines 727 Jet in the Provo area late Friday night.

Crew Reports Threat

The crew reported the man threatened to blow up the plane with plastic explosives and a hand grenade if he did not receive \$500,000 and four parachutes after the Newark, N. J., to Los Angeles bound aircraft was rerouted to San Francisco upon the skyjacker's written demands, forwarded to the pilot by a stewardess.

The FBI announced in the complaint that the money and 'chutes were taken aboard in San Francisco. Eighty-five passengers and one of three stewardesses were allowed to leave the jet with their luggage. The hijacker then forced the crew to fly over Nevada and Utah and, according to the complaint, jumped over Provo.

More than 200 law enforcement officers, led by the FBI, scoured central and eastern Utah counties Saturday until midafternoon. Surveillance was established at the McCoy home and the arrest was made Sunday about 5:30 a.m.

Using their warrant, FBI agents searched the McCoy house, garage, yard and two automobiles. About 5 p.m. Sunday, nine agents left the house carrying four large cardboard boxes and two black overnight bags. They loaded the evidence in their vehicles and eight drove back to Salt Lake City headquarters. The ninth was stationed in Provo.

The FBI refused to comment on what was found on the premises, indicating a release was being prepared for clearance in Washington, D. C. Late Sunday, FBI headquarters in the nation's capital announced a statement would be made Monday.

Mr. Calame said the delay was because of thorough checking of the evidence.

"It takes a long time to count and recount nearly \$500,000," he said.

It was learned that it took agents

most of Sunday night to count the money. Also, the FBI was required to present a list of evidence to the magistrate before making a public statement.

Meanwhile, it appeared McCoy was flying a Utah Army National Guard helicopter on the fringe of the massive search for the hijacker Saturday morning—and getting paid for it.

Maj. Gen. Maurice L. Watts, Utah adjutant general, said McCoy reported at Guard hangars on the east side of Salt Lake City International Airport for ET—equivalent training. The general said this means making up duty for training time owed.

Suspect Flies Copter

He said McCoy (a warrant officer in the Guard) flew a Guard photographer to Camp Williams at 10:30 a.m., close to a 200-man search for a suspect in the Provo area which extended to Fairfield, Utah County, 15 miles west of Camp Williams.

Gen. Watts said the photographer told him Monday the pair flew to Camp Williams and returned. They did not go south of that area.

McCoy and the photographer returned to Salt Lake City about 11:30 a.m. and the suspect was met by FBI agents, who questioned him at the airport, Gen. Watts said.

The agents apparently let him go until the arrest Sunday morning.

Fellow Guardsmen said McCoy seemed at ease and under no stress during the Saturday training duty.

Vietnam Army Service

Gen. Watts also released McCoy's military record. It showed he served two hitches in Vietnam — May 11 to Nov. 23, 1964, as a demolition specialist with special forces (Green Berets) and another one-year assignment after being appointed warrant officer pilot in 1967. He also served two years in Germany after Vietnam.

The report showed he received two medals for heroism — an Army Commendation Medal with V (valor) Device and a Distinguished Flying Cross — as well as the usual medals awarded for overseas duty.

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McCoy Said 'Average' In Jumping

By David L. Beck

Tribune Staff Writer

Accused skyjacker Richard F. McCoy Jr. was "an average jumper . . . by no means an expert," according to the instructor at Alta Sky Diving Center.

Bill Dause said Sunday that McCoy "just didn't have that many jumps" to achieve an expert rating. He estimated McCoy had made between 30 and 40 jumps over the last year or year and a half.

"He was never an active jumper but he always wanted to be. Never had the money to spare," said Mr. Dause. It costs \$3.75 for the plane ride, more if you have to rent equipment.

He said McCoy owns his own parachute.

Likable Person

He described the suspect as a "very nice, quite, likable type person. He used to stop in here occasionally when he was flying — to pick up a Coke or something . . .

"He was shy, I don't know if that's the right word — not boisterous, not a troublemaker; usually kept pretty much to himself."

He described McCoy as "quite intelligent."

Mr. Dause said holding airplanes up for ransom has become a popular topic of conversation among skydivers since D. B. Cooper first pulled the trick last fall.

"I think anybody associated with parachuting has talked about it quite a bit."

"One evening after one of the other attempts was made," explained the instructor, "I mentioned that this guy had gone about it wrong."

Talking it over in the clubhouse at the skydiving center with about half a dozen jumpers, Dause recalled, he said he would want a sport chute, not a military one, because the sport type is more maneuverable.

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Remember D. B. Cooper?

Coast Search Goes On

WOODLAND, WASH. (UPI) — While a suspect was being sought in Utah Saturday in connection with a \$500,000 hijacking of an airliner, the FBI and Army were continuing the search of southern Washington for another sky-jacker who got \$200,000 in ransom money under similar circumstances.

A man identified only as D. B. Cooper parachuted from a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727 last Thanksgiving eve with \$200,000 he received in Seattle after hijacking the plane on a flight from Portland to Seattle.

No trace of Cooper or the money has ever been found.

A man identified as T. Johnson hijacked a United Air Lines Boeing 727 Friday on a flight from Denver to Los Angeles and received \$500,000 in ransom money in San Francisco.

Get 4 Parachutes

Cooper asked for and received four parachutes while the plane was on the ground in Seattle. Johnson also got four parachutes in San Francisco.

Both men released all the passengers after receiving their money and parachutes.

Both hijacked airliners were followed by Air Force planes.

Both men parachuted in the dark.

Both men apparently chose Boeing 727s because, according to Boeing officials, it is the only commercial airliner being used today on which the door can be opened while in flight to allow a safe parachute drop.

A 727 is equipped with a rear door which lowers from the underside of the fuselage and can be opened while in flight.

'Fake Moustache'

Cooper was described by the FBI as, "white, male, 6-foot-1, 170-175 pounds, slender, in mid-40s, olive complexion." Composite drawings showed him both with and without sunglasses.

Johnson was described as "white, about 30, medium build, and wearing a wig and fake moustache."

Both men were described as being very calm and cool during the entire operation. A stewardess on the flight Cooper hijacked said at first she thought the man was going to "make a pass" at her but instead he handed her a note to take to the pilot telling him there was a bomb aboard.

Johnson also passed to the stewardess a note to take to the captain.

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FBI Hints 'Lead' In Skyjacking

Chutist Eludes Utah Police, Escapes With \$500,000

PROVO — Search of the Provo area for a hijacker who parachuted from a United Air Lines 727 jetliner with \$500,000 ransom Friday night was called off this morning after the FBI announced it had a lead on a suspect.

Agents in the FBI office in Salt Lake City would not confirm or deny if they had a suspect in custody.

Provo Police Chief Jesse Evans said the massive all-night search of the Provo and Utah Lake area was halted this morning after the FBI told him it had a lead on a suspect.

Utah County Sheriff Ralph (Dick) Chapple said to his knowledge no one was picked up in Utah County.

Agents in the FBI office in

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Strain of hijacking ordeal shows on faces of crew members, Capt. Gerry D. Hearn, stewardesses Margie Newby, Diane Surdam, after landing in Salt

Salt Lake City would not confirm or deny if a suspect had been taken into custody, but reports of a search continuing near Provo indicated no arrest in the hijacking.

The Carbon County Sheriff's Office in Price said it had not been alerted to set up any roadblocks this morning or join in a search.

Evans said if a suspect is taken into custody he would not necessarily be charged in Utah, but could be taken to any of the points involved in the hijacking.

The hijacker, a cool, bespectacled man armed with a pistol and grenade, plunged into the cold night at about 11:25 p.m. with the half million dollars and a bugged parachute.

The hijacked plane, Flight 855, landed at the Salt Lake International Airport at 11:50 p.m. with only its five crew members aboard.

Its 86 passengers were allowed off in San Francisco after the skyjacker was paid the half million dollars in small bills and given a number of parachutes.

The nine-hour odyssey began over the Rocky Mountains almost 30 minutes after the plane left Denver at 2:36 p.m. en route to Los Angeles.

The man, described as about 30, white, medium build and wearing a wig and fake mustache, pulled off the hijacking without ever leaving his seat. He took over the plane and handed typewritten notes to a stewardess who

carried them to the pilot.

He ordered the plane diverted to San Francisco where the craft sat at the far end of a runway for three hours while the airline provided what the hijacker demanded — four parachutes, fuel for 4,000 miles of flight and \$500,000.

The money, in two suitcases, was placed on a ramp about 100 feet from the plane and picked up shortly after 7 p.m. PST. The passengers and one stewardess then were allowed to leave the plane and it took off at 7:41 p.m. PST, headed east.

After leaving San Francisco, the pilot, Capt. Gerry D. Hearn of Los Angeles, was ordered to fly over southern Nevada. There was an erroneous report from the FBI that the hijacker had bailed out over Wilson Creek, Nev. It was believed the man may have pushed a dummy parachute out there.

The plane then zigzagged over southern Utah as the pilot was given several directions by the hijacker.

An airline spokesman in

7th Attempt In 5 Months

The hijacking Friday night of a United Air Lines jetliner was the seventh time in just under five months that parachutes and ransom figured in airline piracy.

Only one of the six other parachute-ransom hijackers has not been apprehended — a man who gave the name D. B. Cooper.

He bailed out of a Northwest Airlines 727 last Thanksgiving Eve somewhere between Seattle, Wash., and Reno, Nev., with \$200,000 of the airline's money.

Denver, Don Canaulte, said "He keeps giving the crew new headings. I think it sounds like he's reading a map, just like I am. We don't know what he's got planned or why he's coming back this way."

The pilot radioed that the hijacker bailed out at 11:25 p.m. near Provo.

After landing at the Salt Lake Airport, the pilot then took off in another plane to drop flares over a marshy area just south of Utah Lake near where the hijacker had leaped out.

Airline officials said the man used the name T. Johnson in buying the ticket. He was reported wearing mirrored sunglasses, a pink shirt and a blue pinstripe suit. One report indicated he donned a jumpsuit before bailing out.

At a news conference later in Salt Lake City, Hearn, a United pilot for 17 years, said the hijacker "apparently took all of the ransom with him."

He refused comment on the plane's altitude and speed between San Francisco and Salt Lake City. "Too many ideas

from reading about this stuff," he said.

Hearn said the hijacker claimed he had "plastic explosives, hand grenades and two handguns." However, he said crew members saw only one gun.

The pilot said he had no personal contact with the man.

"The only contact I had was through instructions in an envelope delivered by a stewardess," he said. Some witnesses said the notes were all prewritten and he just handed them to the stewardess, Diane Surdam, 24, Los Angeles.

She told newsmen, "We be-

lieved him" when he made threats.

Hearn said the crew was assembled in the cockpit when the man jumped. None of the crew saw him, but said they could tell from the way the craft reacted.

In addition to Hearn, the male crewmen included First Officer K. R. Bradley and Second Officer K. W. Owen. The other stewardess on board was Margie Newby.

All but three of the 35 passengers had boarded in Denver, where airline officials said the only security precaution was a check of passengers against a "profile" of hijacker characteristics. The airline did not immediately know the sex of the three per-

sons who remained on board Flight 838 from its origin in Newark.

Nearly all the passengers were unaware they were being hijacked Friday until they were on the ground at San Francisco.

Robert Mainthow, a 20-year-old student at Denver University, said, "All these weird things began to happen" shortly after the craft took off from Denver.

FORCED TO S.F.

"We were supposed to land in Grand Junction, Colo., because we had problems with the engine, and then the engine fixed itself," he said. "Then we were supposed to land in Los Angeles, but there was too much smog or fog, and we came to San Francisco."

He said most of the passengers learned what was going on after the plane landed. He said he was scared "while we were on the ground. In the air, we didn't know what was happening."

BIG MANHUNT

The hunt for the hijacker in the Provo area involved the largest number of officers participating in any manhunt since Utah Highway Patrol Trooper Charles Warren was wounded after stopping a stolen car west of Springville several years ago.

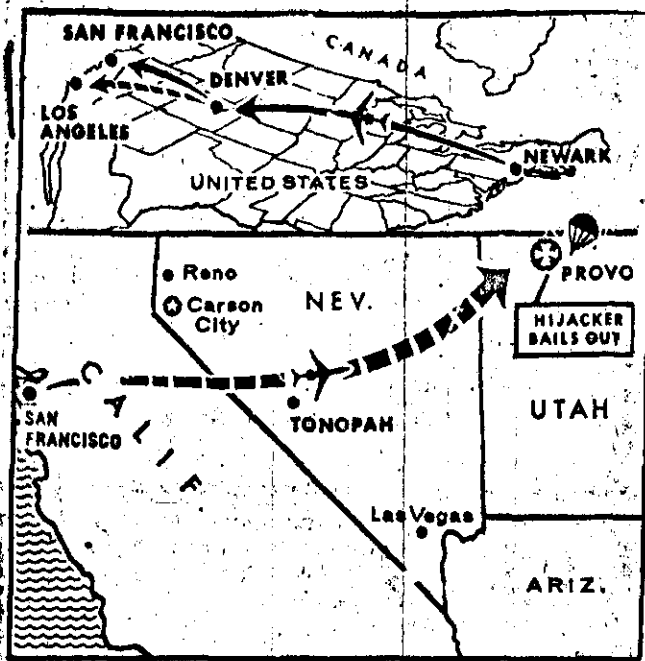
Scores of officers hunted for the suspect throughout the night and they were relieved by a large contingent of Highway Patrol officers, sheriff's deputies, Jeep Patrol members and reserve officers at daylight today.

Reports of a mysterious helicopter flashing a light in the bailout area gave rise to speculation that a helicopter might have been waiting for the hijacker.

A radio signal device planted in the hijacker's parachute



Photographers' flashbulbs are bewildering for youngster among hijacked plane's passengers.



Map shows original route of hijacked plane (top) and route of commandeered aircraft.

led searchers to mud flats about eight miles west of Provo.

A spokesman at Hamilton Air Force Base north of San Francisco confirmed today that a C130 Air Force plane had followed the airliner on its flight over Nevada and Utah.

He said a "beeper signal" came from skies near the jetliner over Nevada. But he said there was no way of knowing immediately if the gunman tossed out a bugged parachute in an attempt to throw the plane off his trail.

NO COMMENT

The FBI would not discuss the Air Force report or say what had happened to the other parachutes handed over to the hijacker in San Francisco.

A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said no parachutes were found on the jetliner after it landed in Salt Lake City.

After the hijacked plane landed in San Francisco, the hijacker chose a prisoner under escort by a California correctional officer to go out and pick up the ransom money.

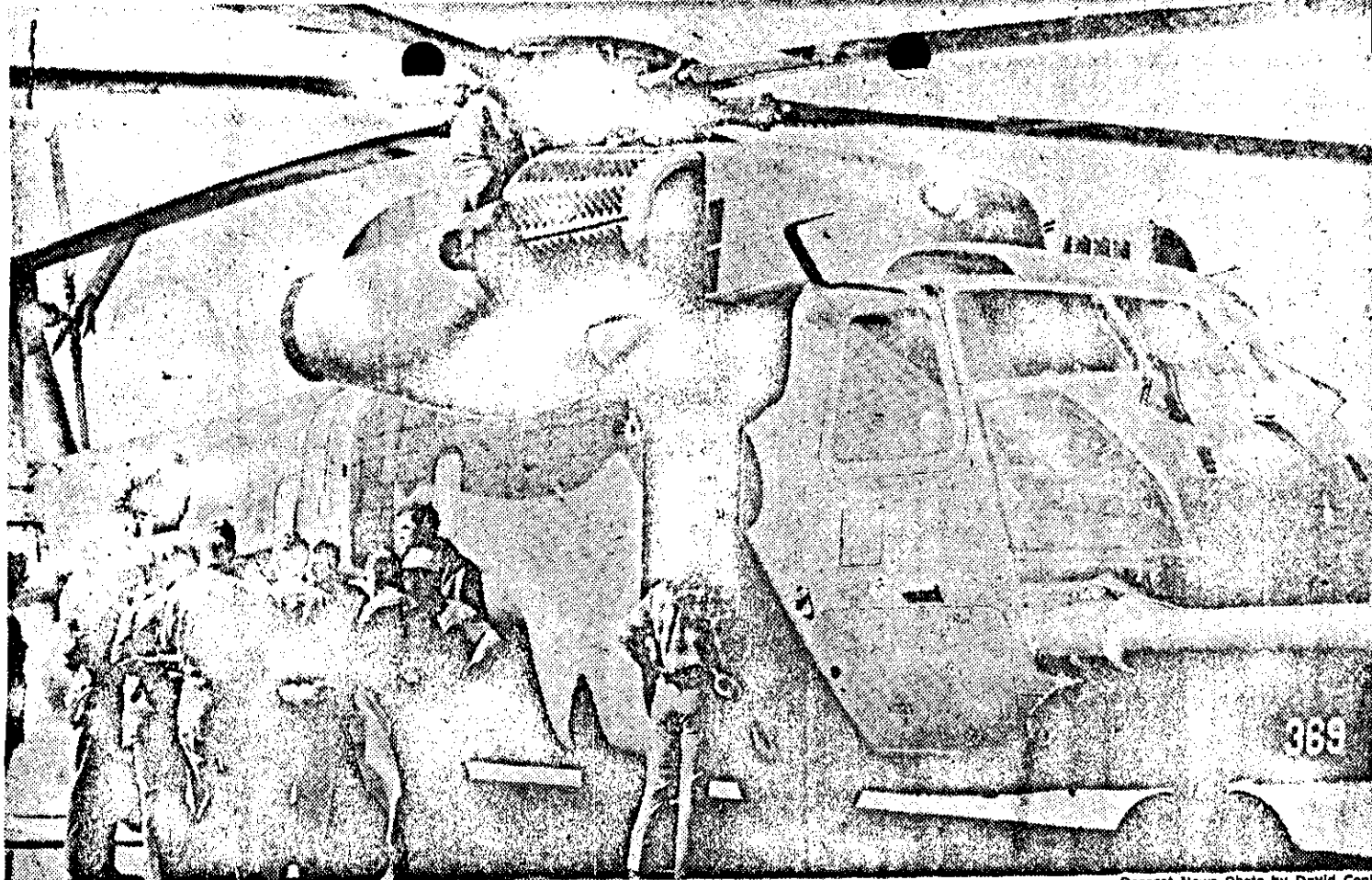
Officer Joseph Gonzales said the prisoner William R.

Coggin, 21, Sacramento, whom he was escorting to San Quentin, was picked, with a United Air Lines employe, to go out and bring back the two suitcases.

BROUGHT ABOARD

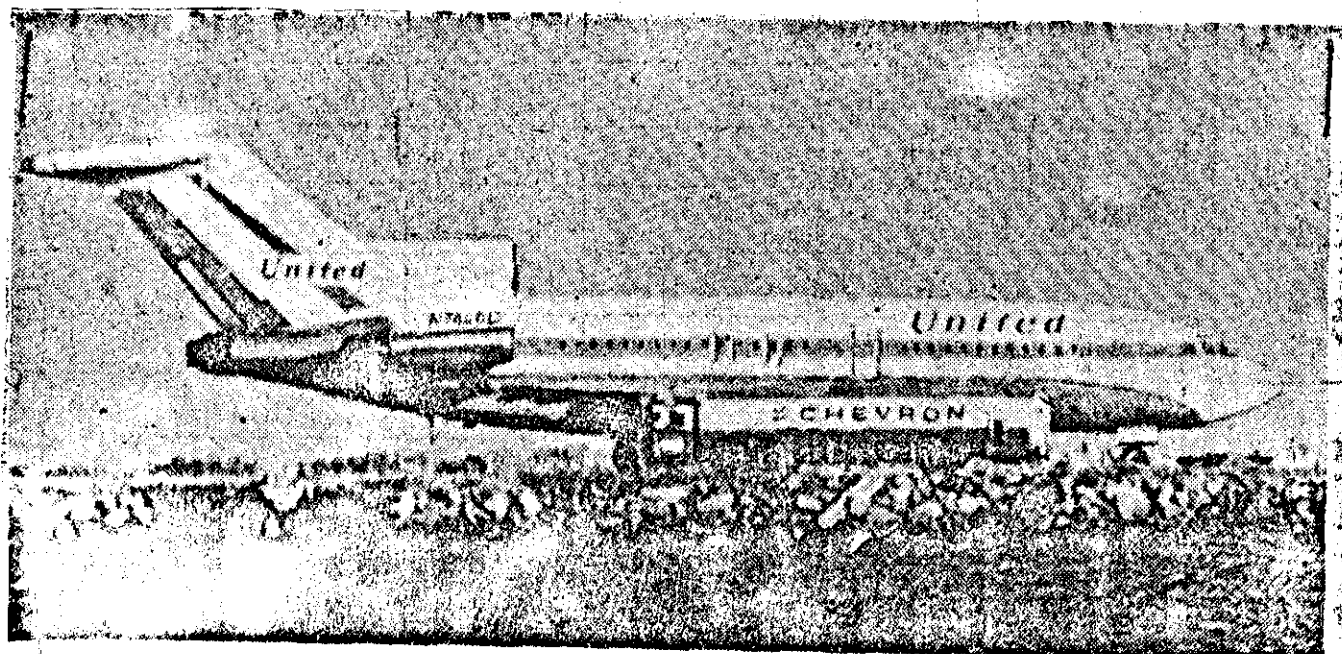
After the money was brought aboard the plane, the hijacker ordered Coggin to go to the first-class cabin but told Gonzales to stay in the coach section.

Gonzales said he and Coggin were sitting immediately in front of the hijacker and that he noticed just after take-off from Denver that the man was acting suspiciously. Then, he said, he saw the hijacker give the first note to another passenger and tell him to give it to a stewardess.



Deseret News Photo by David Conl

Air Force helicopter crew and FBI agents map route to follow in search for hijacker as hunt shifts south of Provo.



Hijacked plane is refueled at San Francisco airport as crew, passengers are held hostage.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

The Big Question— Where'd He Land?

Just where could the hijacker—"A. T. Johnson"—have landed after he bailed from the 727 jet Friday night?

That question, of course, is being asked by everyone, including FBI agents, law enforcement officers in Utah and the news media.

The drama began earlier Friday afternoon when a hijacker, described as a swarthy, bespectacled man with a mustache, took over a Boeing 727 jetliner minutes after it left Denver for Los Angeles.

Half Million Dollars

After flying to San Francisco, the plane refueled, four parachutes and a half million dollars in money were loaded and the passengers were released. The hijacker then forced the pilot to fly back over Utah, where it orbited several times over Fairfield, just west of Utah Lake.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said the best theory was that the hijacker jumped over Provo at an altitude of 16,000 feet. The jet was traveling south by southeast at 180 knots, officials said.

United Air Lines officials in San Francisco added, "It would seem that the hijacking was well thought out, well planned and he obviously had a knowledge of parachutes."

Straight Down?

The question then, is, did the hijacker guide himself two or three miles from where he jumped, and if so, in which direction? or did he guide himself straight down?

Checking with David Reid, a skydiver at Alta Sport Parachute Club, 8700-17th East, the answers to the question depend upon a number of things — the type of parachute used, the speed and direction of the wind, the direction the hijacker wanted to go, how long he was in a free-fall and at what altitude he opened his chute.

Giving rough estimates he explained the possibilities. For example, he said, free-falling from a plane traveling south by southeast at 180

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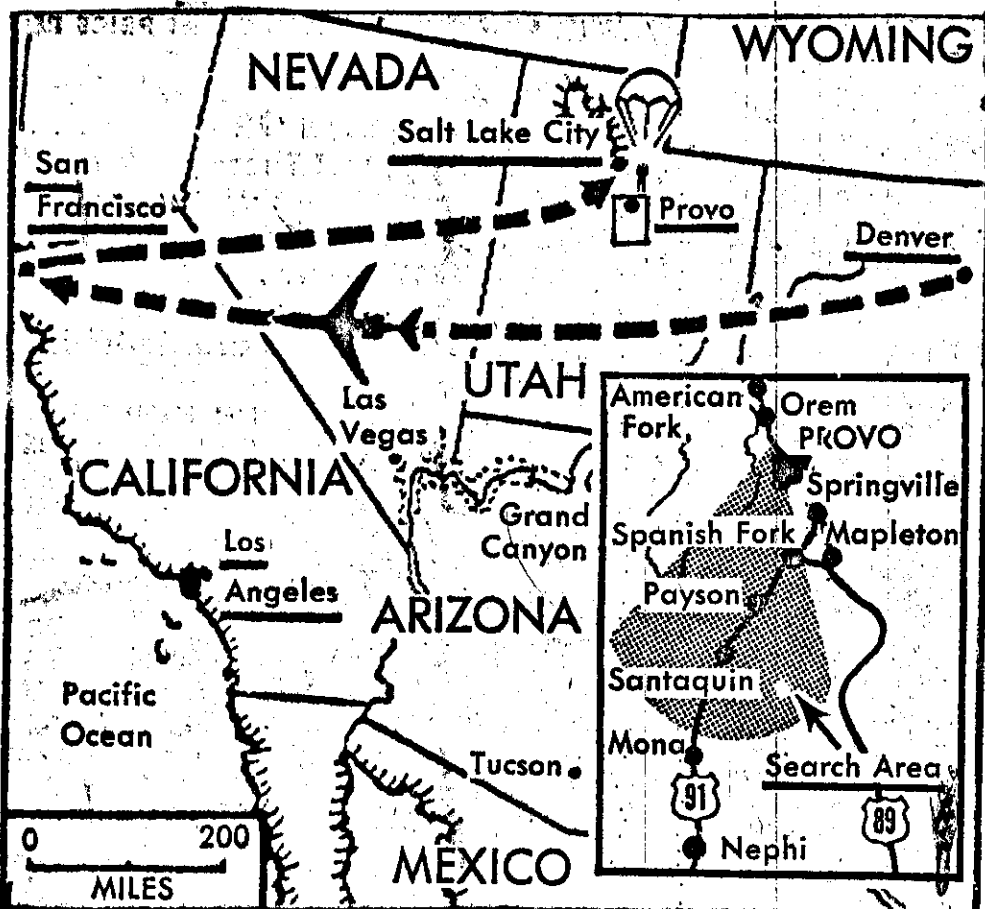
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Shading shows area searched for hijacker who parachuted near Provo after directing plane from Denver to San Francisco, to Salt Lake.

knots, the hijacker, for the first few seconds would have a tendency to be unstable, traveling the same direction as the airplane.

Mile Radius

He could free fall straight down, eagle-spread, or he could "track" — a skydiver term for moving in a slightly horizontal fall in whatever direction the body is positioned in.

Assuming, Mr. Reid continued, that the hijacker freefell to about 4,000 feet, and depending on if he "tracked" or not, he could be within a one-mile radius of where he jumped from the plane.

If the hijacker pulled his chute at the 4,000 foot level, and depending on the type of chute it was and the direction and speed, he could travel — in any direction — another mile or two.

Wind direction and speed do not have much effect on a free-falling body, Mr. Reid explained, but it can carry certain types of parachutes "quite a distance."

If the chute was a military one, he added, the hijacker would have come almost straight down from where he stopped free-falling — just about a mile from where he jumped.

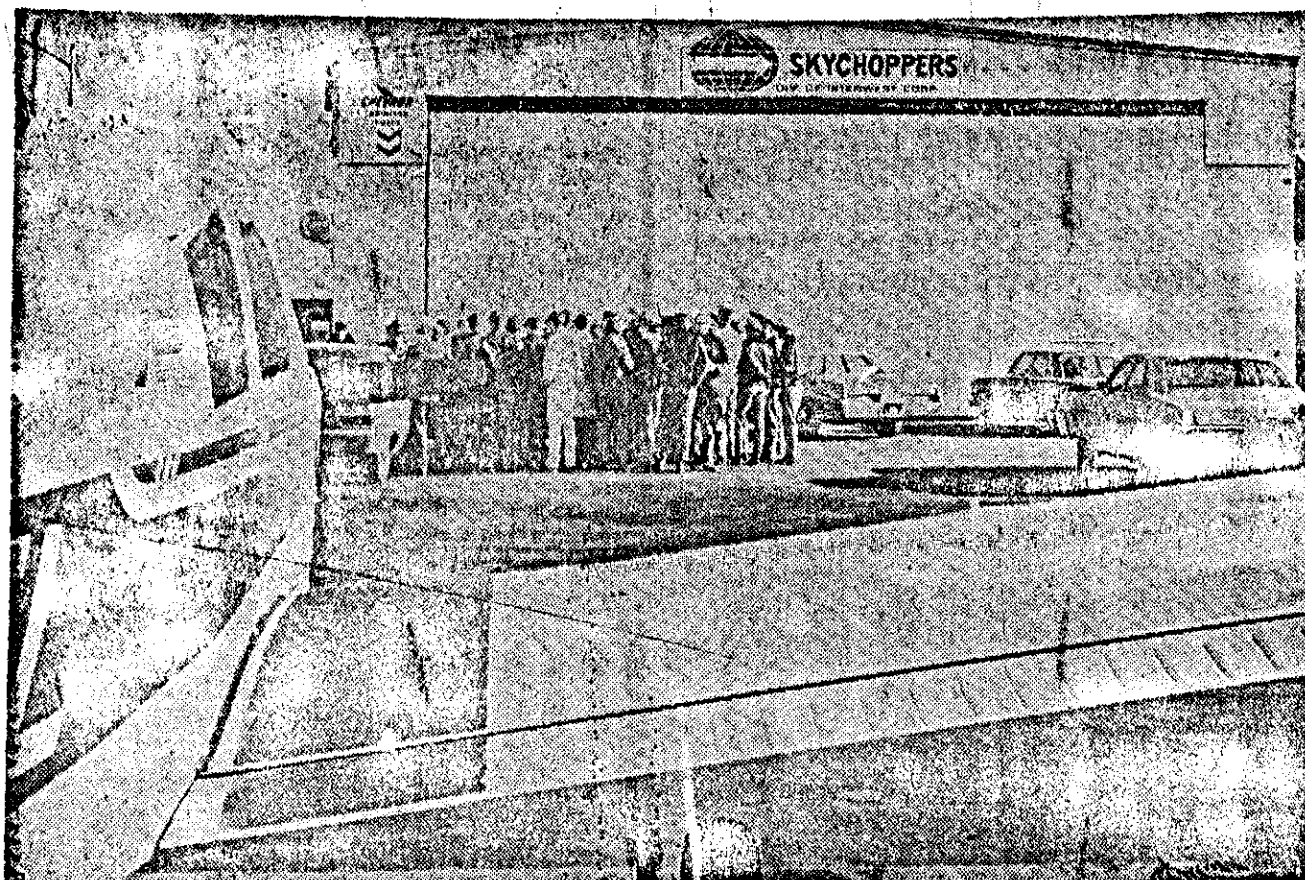
Depends on Chute

But if the chute was a high-performance canopy parachute, it could have carried him "at least another mile," Mr. Reid said, depending upon the wind speed and direction, and the direction the hijacker wanted to go.

The FBI had no comment when asked what type of chute the hijacker used.

The National Weather Service said the wind speed at 11 p.m. at the Salt Lake International Airport Friday was clocked at 7 miles-per hour, and coming from the south.

At this speed, Mr. Reid said, with a high-performance canopy chute, and moving in this direction, the hijacker could very easily have traveled over two miles from where he jumped from the plane.



Provo and Orem Police huddle with BYU Security Officers early Saturday to get instructions for intensive search for clues to skyjacker who was believed to have parachuted near Provo Airport.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (164-NPRC-M) P.

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UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 855,
DENVER TO LOS ANGELES
4-7-72
CAA- HIJACKING
OO: Denver

Re Bureau tel call to SL 4-8-72 and SL and SU
tel calls 4-8-72.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are the following
original documents containing handwriting and handprinting
specimens, from the Army service record of RICHARD FLOYD
MC COY, JR., ASN 14 796 789, SSAN 237-66-2779, on file at
NPRC-M, St. Louis, Mo.:

- 1) Report of Medical History dated 11-3-69.
- 2) Report of Medical History form dated 3-7-62.
- 3) Armed Forces Security Questionnaire dated 1-3-67.
- 4) Serviceman's Statement Concerning Application
for Compensation from the Veterans Administration dated
3-10-70.

3 - Bureau (via courier, Enc. 8)
2 - Denver
2 - Salt Lake City
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5) Dependent Medical Care and DD Form 1173
Statement, dated 3-10-70.

6) Acknowledgement of Service Obligation
Under UMT and S Act (etc.) dated 3-31-62.

7) Statement of Understanding of Assignment,
(etc.), dated 3-31-62.

8) Designation of Beneficiary Form dated 11-24-64.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct
appropriate comparison examination with previously submitted
questioned specimens. Results need not be furnished
St. Louis.

Bureau note inasmuch as enclosures are original
documents from the service record, they should be returned
to St. Louis for return to the record immediately following
examination.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription April 8, 1972

[redacted] United Airlines b7C
(UAL) was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that between 4:10 and 4:20 p.m. b7C
on April 7, 1972, she received a telephone call from
a male whose voice sounded as though he were in his 20's.
[redacted] advised that this caller requested information
pertaining to flights from Denver to Salt Lake City.
[redacted] advised that the caller was told there were two
flights en route to Salt Lake City and stated that these
flights would arrive at 5:30 p.m. on April 7, 1972, and
8:25 p.m. on April 7, 1972.

[redacted] then stated that the caller asked the
following question, "Haven't you had a plane that was b7C
hijacked to/over Salt Lake City from Denver?" [redacted]
advised that she cannot recall whether the caller requested
whether this craft was hijacked to Salt Lake City or
over Salt Lake City.

Inasmuch as she had received no information
pertaining to a hijacking in progress, [redacted] advised
that she informed the caller that UAL had no hijacking
in progress nor did any other carrier based in Denver b7C
have a hijacking in progress. [redacted] stated at this time
that the caller said, "Oh, yeah. Okay." [redacted] advised
that when this statement was made the tone of the
caller's voice inferred sarcasm to her. [redacted] advised
that she did not receive any further calls pertaining
to a hijacking in progress until approximately 5:00 p.m.
when a call was received from the "San Francisco Chronicle".

[redacted] stated that this call had been received
on the Salt Lake City identifier, which indicated to her
that the caller had dialed a Salt Lake City telephone b7C
number to obtain the information. She stated that when
this Salt Lake City number was dialed the call was
transferred directly to the Denver UAL office. [redacted]
advised she had no indication as to the exact location
from which the call was made.

Interviewed on 4/8/72 at Denver, Colorado

by SA [redacted] sg b7C

Date dictated 4/8/72

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[] advised she heard no background noise, b7C
that the caller had no accent or slur in his speech,
but that he did sound like a male approximately in his
20's.

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TO: SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (164-120)(P)

SUBJECT: UNSLIP aka b7C
[redacted]

UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 855

DENVER TO LOS ANGELES

4/7/72

CAA - HIJACKING

OO: SALT LAKE CITY

Re Denver telephone call to Salt Lake City
dated 4/8/72.Enclosed herewith are 9 copies of FD-302
reflecting interview of [redacted] b7C
[redacted] Denver, Colorado.2 - Salt Lake City (RM)(Enc. 9)
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TO: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (164-NEW) (RUC)
SUBJECT: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.,
CAB HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS

As newspaper publicity indicated possible involvement of helicopter or more than one person, following coincidental information is furnished for Salt Lake City information:

[redacted] Lincoln Police Department, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised that in checking out burglaries, his Department located a rental car abandoned at the Holiday Inn west. Vehicle rented through National Car Rental at Lincoln Airport on 3/30/72 to [redacted] El Paso, Texas, on an Avis credit card, number [redacted] and driven less than one mile. In checking motel, he found they were holding baggage from two persons who skipped out on or about 3/31/72.

Room [redacted] had been rented to [redacted] Beverly Hills, California, at 4:51 p.m. on 3/29/72. Telephone calls charged to room were to Ft. Kent, Maine, number 994-5992 (14 minutes), and Green Mountain, Iowa, number 474-2485 (14 minutes). Room contained sacks of groceries and fresh fruit and a suitcase. Suitcase contained \$1,000.00 in \$20.00 bills, a handful of Mexican coins, marijuana and flight maps of New Mexico, Las Vegas area. Also, Aircraft Blue

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Blue Book, Pilots Weather Guide, Mountain Flying for Light-plane Pilots and Publication Trade, a plane which bore label [redacted] with Beverly Hills address, a notation on a paper [redacted] 612 [redacted] an envelope with a prooration letter from the Medina River Ranch, San Antonio, Texas, to [redacted] El Paso, Texas, 79924. b7C

Room [redacted] rented at 12:08 p.m., 3/30/72, to [redacted], East Orange, New Jersey, with telephone calls to Los Angeles [redacted] (four minutes), Los Angeles [redacted] (one minute), and Marshalltown, Iowa, [redacted] (14 minutes). Two suitcases in room contained used United Airlines ticket from Chicago to Lincoln, number 016:155 714-786 Flight 639, on 3/30/72, for [redacted]. One suitcase had name [redacted]. Suitcase also contained billfold with identification for [redacted] DOB [redacted] at Teaneck, New Jersey, with addresses of [redacted] Ft. Lee, New Jersey, and business address of [redacted] Ft. Lee, New Jersey. b7C

[redacted] Marshalltown, Iowa, [redacted] advised [redacted] is [redacted] a pilot, and he was contacted last week by some of his flying friends who wanted him to pilot a helicopter from Marshalltown to some place out west. They were going to deliver the helicopter to Marshalltown on a.m. of 4/1/72, but did not show up. [redacted] lives in Burbank, California, TE1, number 213- [redacted] and his office phone is 213- [redacted]. b7C

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, DENVER (164-120)
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) (P)
RE: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CAA - HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS
OO: SU

Enclosed for each receiving office is a side view and a front view photograph of the subject which were taken 4/10/72 after his arrest at Salt Lake City, Utah, on 4/9/72. It is noted these are black and white, however, colored photos are being prepared.

Receiving offices may desire to use these in their investigation.

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- 2 - Las Vegas (164-72)(Enc. 2)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Sacramento (Enc. 2)
- 2 - San Francisco (164-256)(Enc. 2)
- ② - Salt Lake City

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) (P)

RE: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CAA - HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS
OO: SU

Re Salt Lake City airtel to Bureau (Identification Division), dated 4/10/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and carbon copy of typewritten samples taken from Smith-Corona Electra 120 semi-automatic electric typewriter, Serial No. 6 LEV-121748, and original of samples from Smith-Corona semi-automatic electric typewriter, Serial No. 6SE 217681. Both typewriters were obtained during the search of subject's residence. Also enclosed is an original of sample of typewritten specimens, obtained voluntarily on 4/8/72, from a Smith-Corona Coronet Electric typewriter [redacted] [redacted] subject. b7C

FBI Laboratory is requested to compare these specimens with the typewritten flight plans which were obtained during the search of the hijacked plane of United Air Lines Flight 855 at Salt Lake City, Utah, 4/7/72.

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Room 3203 Federal Building
125 South State
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
April 12, 1972

[REDACTED] b7C

Mountain Bell
175 South Second East
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear [REDACTED]

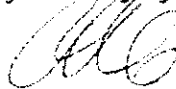
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In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that telephone toll information for Telephone No. 375-2930 listed to Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr., 360 South 200 East, Provo, Utah, be furnished to this office for the past year.

It is further requested that the original records concerning the tolls and message units be retained as they will possibly be needed for evidentiary purposes.

This matter will be followed closely, and when it is determined the records are no longer required, you will be advised immediately.

Very truly yours,



RUSSELL P. CALAME
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Addressee
① - Salt Lake City (164-36)
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TO DIRECTOR
FROM SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CAA - HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE WITH
FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS. OO: SU.

RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL ELEVEN LAST, AND SALT
LAKE CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWELVE INSTANT. b7C

[REDACTED]
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, PROVO, UTAH, ADVISED THAT ON MARCH
TWENTYONE LAST, SUBJECT WAS PARTICIPATING IN A SKIING CLASS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT THE SNOWBIRD SKI RESORT, AND WHILE
SKIING WITHIN [REDACTED] MC COY HAD A FALL AND EXPERIENCED
PAIN IN HIS LEG. [REDACTED] MC COY CALLED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING NIGHT AND ADVISED THAT X-RAYS WHICH HAD BEEN
TAKEN REFLECTED THAT THE LEG HAD NOT BEEN BROKEN, BUT SPRAINED.
APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS LATER, SUBJECT CAME TO [REDACTED]
AND HIS LEG WAS IN A CAST, AND SUBJECT ADVISED HE WAS TO KEEP IT

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IN A CAST FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR DAYS. ADVISED HE HAD NOT
OBSERVED SUBJECT SINCE THAT TIME.

AUSA JAMES F. HOUSLEY, SALT LAKE CITY, ADVISED THAT THE
FACTS OF THIS CASE WILL BE PRESENTED TO A FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT
TEN A.M. ON APRIL FOURTEEN NEXT, AND NECESSARY WITNESSES ARE
BEING ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
SAC, CHARLOTTE

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-24)

NORJAK.

RE SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE, APRIL ELEVEN LAST TO
BUREAU; AND SALT LAKE CITY TELEPHONE CALL TO CHARLOTTE
INSTANT DATE.

REVIEW OF RECORDS, WALKER BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,
INDICATES RICHARD FLOWD MC COY, JR., SUBJECT OF HIJACKING
OF UNITED AIR LINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, APRIL SEVEN
LAST, HAD MAINTAINED AN ACCOUNT AND HAD LOANS AT WACHOVIA
BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, AND AT
THE BANK OF NORTH CAROLINA (BANK IDENTIFIER SIX SIX TWO
ZERO SIX), KINGSTON, NORTH CAROLINA. MC COY ALSO INDICATED
IN BANK CARD APPLICATION THAT HE HAD A MASTER CHARGE BANK
CARD AND A BANKAMERICARD.

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[REDACTED] ZIONS FIRST NATIONAL BANK, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT MC COY HAD OBTAINED CASH ADVANCE OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ON MASTER CHARGE CARD A DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO APRIL SEVEN LAST. COMPLETE DETAILS BEING OBTAINED. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT HE BELIEVES MASTER CHARGE CARD HAD BEEN ISSUED TO MC COY BY NORTH CAROLINA BANK. b7C

[REDACTED] FIRST SECURITY BANK OF UTAH, N.A., SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, ADVISED MC COY HAS BANKAMERICARD THROUGH HIS BANK. HE WILL PROVIDE PHOTOCOPIES OF ALL CHARGE TICKETS ON BANKAMERICARD BY MORNING OF APRIL THIRTEEN NEXT. b7C

CHARLOTTE IMMEDIATELY CONTACT WACHOVIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, AND BANK OF NORTH CAROLINA, KINGSTON, NORTH CAROLINA. DETERMINE IF MC COY HAD ANY BANK CARD ISSUED BY THOSE BANKS, ANY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, CHECKING ACCOUNTS, LOANS AND SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES. OBTAIN PHOTOCOPIES OF ALL BANK CHARGE

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CARD TICKETS, DETAILS OF DEPOSITS TO ANY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS LOCATED AND PHOTOCOPIES OF ANY CHECKS DEPOSITED OR DRAWN ON ANY OF MC COY'S ACCOUNTS DURING PERIOD OCTOBER NINETEEN SEVENTYONE TO PRESENT. ALSO DETERMINE IF SAVINGS DEPOSIT BOX LOCATED, ANY DATES OF ENTRY TO SAME. ALSO OBTAIN COPIES OF MONTHLY STATEMENTS DURING OCTOBER NINETEEN SEVENTYONE TO PRESENT TIME.

CHARLOTTE SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY ALERT FOR ANY WITHDRAWALS OF CASH, CHECKS OR LOANS DURING PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO NORJAK CASE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) (P)

DATE: 4/12/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS
(OO:SU)

During the night of 4/7/72 and 4/8/72, reporting Agent was assigned to the Office to handle telephone calls between the Salt Lake City Office and the Bureau and other offices and to handle any other telephone calls pertinent to captioned case.

When it was learned that the plane had turned north in the vicinity of Marysville, Utah, writer telephonically contacted the Tooele, Utah, SO, and instructed the jeep patrol to proceed to the Fairfield, Utah, area. Calls to other SOs alerting all counties in Utah were made by SAs [REDACTED] b7C

SA [REDACTED] was contacted and instructed to notify jeep posses in his area. SA [REDACTED], was instructed telephonically to notify jeep posses in areas north of Salt Lake City, Utah.

When it was determined that the hijacker had jumped from the plane, [REDACTED] at the Bureau was notified immediately. When it was subsequently learned that the plane was returning to Salt Lake City Airport, [REDACTED] was advised of this fact immediately; and [REDACTED] directed the SU Office to isolate the crew members as long as possible, have the plane isolated at the Salt Lake City Airport, have the bomb squad check the plane before Agents board it and instruct the bomb squad to be extremely careful in their search for any possible bombs to preserve any evidence. b7C

[REDACTED] also advised that he had learned there was a heavy box on board the plane which was strange to the crew, and there was also a 6" X 6" X 5" white box on the plane which the crew knew nothing about.

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At approximately this time the ASAC of the SF Office telephonically advised that the 6" X 6" X 5" box contained two north star altimeter with Velcro wrist mounts. These items had been requested by the hijacker and had been placed among the items subsequently taken aboard at the hijacker's direction.

SA [] was advised of the above and b7C proceeded to the airport to accomplish the directions of the Bureau.

A subsequent telephone call from [] b7C and [] at the Bureau, advised that the SF Agents accompanying chase planes should be retained at SU for use in the search for the hijacker. Further advised that the Bureau was arranging for an artist to proceed to LA by plane and requested writer to advise the LA Office that the artist will arrive at 11:30 a.m., LA time.

Writer telephonically advised [] of b7C the LA Office, and [] advised that an LA Agent will meet the artist when he arrives. In a later telephone call it was learned that the crew desired to meet with the artist in LA rather than SU and the crew would depart Salt Lake City at 12:10 p.m., 4/8/72, on Western Flight 411 and would arrive in LA at 12:35 p.m., LA time.

SA [] of the LA Office was advised of the b7C above fact and stated that the Agent assigned to meet the artist will also correlate with United Air Lines (UAL) officials in Los Angeles so that the witnesses can assist in the preparation of the composite drawing.

In subsequent conversation with [] at b7C the Bureau, [] directed the SU Office to organize and control a massive aerial-ground search team to commence at dawn the following morning. He advised that military helicopters should be utilized, and any evidence recovered should be forwarded immediately by courier to the Laboratory at the Bureau, probably by UAL. This information was telephonically furnished to the SAC by writer.

In a subsequent telephone call with [] b7C [] advised the Salt Lake City Division should advise the Bureau if Agents from other offices would be needed for the search. This information was furnished to the SAC by writer.

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After RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., was developed as a suspect, [] was advised by writer. [] advised that Poloroid pictures of suspect should be furnished immediately to the LA Office, inquiries should be made to determine toll call records of suspect and the SU Division was directed to institute a surveillance of [] b7C
[] This information was furnished to the SAC and appropriate action was taken. Suspect's [] [] were placed under surveillance by SAs in the Provo area.

SAC FLETCHER THOMPSON, Omaha Division, telephonically advised that he was sending a teletype concerning a [] [] who lives in the Dragerton, Utah, area. THOMPSON stated that there is no particular reason to suspect MAGGIO and this name had been suggested to him by [] Ames, Iowa. b7C

SA [] Phoenix Division, telephonically advised that he was sending a teletype concerning an anonymous call received by Crime Alert of a Phoenix newspaper indicating that "We'll find what we're looking for on hijacking in Kitchen Johnson Canyon, near Kanab, Utah." This information was furnished to SA [] of Cedar City, who advised he would proceed to the area for anything of possible value. b7C

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TO SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-530)

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.,; CAA DASH HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE
WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS. OO SALT LAKE CITY.

RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL APRIL TWELVE INSTANT.

[REDACTED] CONTACTED AND ADVISED OF APRIL FOURTEEN
NEXT APPEARANCE.

b7C

[REDACTED] SAID NO SUBPOENA RECEIVED BUT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY
CONTACTED AND PLANS TO REPORT TO AUSA HOUSLEY IN SALT LAKE,
NINE AM APRIL FOURTEEN NEXT.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT

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TO: DIRECTOR (164-2111)

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PORTLAND (164-41)

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SALT LAKE CITY (164-24)

NORJAK. 00 SE.

RE SU TEL, APRIL TWELVE INSTANT, TO BUREAU, SE AND CE.

RE: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR. - SUSPECT.

INTERVIEW OF ACQUAINTANCES TO DATE OF MC COY GIVE NO INFORMATION REFLECTING MC COY WAS OUT OF PROVO, UTAH, AREA DURING PERIOD NOVEMBER TWENTY-THREE TO TWENTY-FIVE LAST.

MC COY STATED THIS DATE SHE RECALLED HAVING THANKSGIVING DINNER, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIVE LAST, AT APPROXIMATELY TWO PM, AND MC COY HAD HELPED PREPARE DINNER. b7C

RECORDS OF FORMER BUREAU AGENT, NOW INSTRUCTOR, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, PROVO, UTAH, INDICATE MC COY ATTENDED CLASS EIGHT AM TO NINE THIRTY AM, NOVEMBER TWENTY-THREE LAST.

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MASTER CHARGE AND BANKAMERICARD TRANSACTIONS BEING OBTAINED AND EFFORTS BEING MADE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL CREDIT CARDS UTILIZED BY MC COY.

NATIONAL GUARD (NG) RECORDS INDICATE NO ATTENDANCE AT DRILLS BETWEEN PERIOD NOVEMBER TWENTY LAST AND DECEMBER ELEVEN LAST. NG RECORDS INDICATE ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL, FT. CARSON, COLORADO, FEBRUARY TWENTY-EIGHT TO MARCH FIVE LAST, AND TRIP TO DAVIS-MOTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA, TO FERRY HELICOPTER TO UTAH, NOVEMBER TWO TO SIX LAST. NO OTHER TRAVEL LOCATED IN NG RECORDS.

NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED REGARDING TRAVEL OF MC COY FOR "DRY RUNS" OR ACTUAL TRAVEL REGARDING NORJAK.

INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] MC COY REGARDING LEG INJURY INDICATED b7C
INJURY LEGITIMATE AND INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] AT
SKI AREA WHERE MC COY INJURED AND OBSERVED MC COY FALL STATED FELT
INJURY WAS LEGITIMATE. HOWEVER, MC COY DID NOT RECEIVE BROKEN LEG
AS SUSPECTED BUT SPRAIN, WHICH REQUIRED HIM TO WEAR CAST FOR PERIOD
OF APPROXIMATELY FOUR DAYS, THE INJURY HAVING OCCURRED WHILE SKIING
ON MARCH TWENTY-ONE LAST.

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INVESTIGATION TO DATE DOES NOT INDICATE EMPLOYMENT OF MC COY
IN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY OR WITH ANY SUBCONTRACTOR IN INDUSTRY.

TELEPHONE TOLL CALL RECORDS FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER TWENTY-EIGHT
LAST TO MARCH TWENTY-FOUR LAST CONTAIN NO OBVIOUSLY SIGNIFICANT
TOLL CALLS, EXCEPT POSSIBLY FOR COLLECT CALL TO RESIDENCE FROM LAS
VEGAS TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN THREE SIX DASH NINE EIGHT TWO ZERO ON
NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIVE LAST. LAS VEGAS LEAD SET TELEPHONICALLY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO POSITIVELY ESTABLISH MC COY'S
WHEREABOUTS NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR LAST.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Date: 4/12/72

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TO LOS ANGELES
FROM SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CAA - HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE WITH
FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS. 00: SU.

b7C

AUSA JAMES F. HOUSLEY, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, ADVISED TODAY
THAT THE FACTS OF THIS CASE WILL BE PRESENTED TO A FEDERAL GRAND
JURY AT SALT LAKE CITY AT TEN A.M. ON APRIL FOURTEEN NEXT AND
THAT [REDACTED] WHO RESIDES IN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND WHO WAS THE [REDACTED] ON FLIGHT
EIGHT FIVE FIVE, IS A NECESSARY WITNESS. LOS ANGELES IS REQUESTED
TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE IS NOTIFIED OF THIS FACT.

SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

END P

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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 SAN FRANCISCO ✓ (164-256)
 ST. LOUIS
 FROM SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CAA - HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE
 WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS. OO: SU.

OFFICES RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION ARE REQUESTED TO PREPARE
 REPORTS COVERING THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE IN THEIR
 DIVISIONS. IT IS REQUESTED THESE REPORTS BE EXPEDITED IN VIEW
 THAT PRELIMINARY HEARING HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SET FOR APRIL
 NINETEEN NEXT AT SALT LAKE CITY. Suicidal Tendencies

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Approved: *Cx*
 Special Agent in Charge

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BTTL 4/12/72 LSB

DENVER (164-120)

LAS VEGAS (164-72)

LOS ANGELES

SACRAMENTO

SAN FRANCISCO (164-256)

ST. LOUIS

FROM SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) 1P

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CAA- HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE
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SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

3203 Federal Building
125 South State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
April 12, 1972

Dear Chief

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the assistance which you and members of your department rendered to the Salt Lake City Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the recent hijacking of United Air Lines Flight No. 855.

Once again this excellent cooperation demonstrated by law enforcement agencies in the State of Utah resulted in the identification and subsequent arrest of Richard Floyd McCoy.

Sincerely,

RUSSELL P. CALAME
Special Agent in Charge

Sent to Chiefs of Police:
Springville, Orem, Provo,
Payson, Spanish Fork,
Salt Lake City, and
Security Police, BYU, Provo.

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3203 Federal Building
125 South State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
April 12, 1972

[redacted] b7C
Utah Highway Patrol
Department of Public Safety
121 State Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear [redacted] b7C

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the assistance you and your officers rendered to the Salt Lake City FBI Office during the recent hijacking of United Air Lines Flight No. 855.

The cooperation and assistance rendered by your department in furnishing planes to search the area around the airport in Provo, Utah, and in setting up road blocks was of great value. also I would particularly like to commend [redacted] b7C for the outstanding manner in which he directed your officers in the search and the road blocks.

This excellent cooperation demonstrated by all law enforcement agencies in the State of Utah certainly assisted in the early identification of the individual responsible for the hijacking.

Sincerely,

Russell P. Calame

RUSSELL P. CALAME
Special Agent in Charge

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164-36-82

REPORT
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Salt Lake City (164-36)

Date: April 11, 1972

Re: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.;
UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 855
DENVER, COLORADO, TO
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
4/7/72;

FBI File No.

Lab. No.

D-72 04 08 001 HX
D-72 04 08 002 HX
D-72 04 09 001 HX
D-72 04 09 002 HX
PC-H 6053 BX

CAA-- HIJACKING

Specimens received 4/8/72 from FBI, Salt Lake City:

- Q1 Handprinted note on yellow slip of paper beginning "Ever body off now except ..." ending "... Use this runway"
- Q2 PILOT'S PREFLIGHT CHECK LIST bearing typewriting beginning "GJT" and ending "WHEN YOU REACH DENVER, YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN"
- Q3 PILOT'S PREFLIGHT CHECK LIST bearing typewriting beginning "FFU" and ending "SEAT POCKET NEXT TO ASISLE, 2ND SEAT ON RIGHT SIDE OF A/C"
- Q4 Two small pieces of twisted wire accompanying "ALSO SUBMITTED" mirror

ALSO SUBMITTED: Contents of waste containers, paper material from hijacker's seat, latent lifts and pieces of mirror

Specimen received 4/9/72 from FBI, Salt Lake City:

- Q11 PILOT'S PREFLIGHT CHECK LIST bearing typewriting beginning "MLF" and ending "...TAKE OUT NEW FLT PLAN-REPLACE IT WITH THIS ONE"

Specimens received 4/8/72 from FBI, St. Louis:

K1 Eight documents containing handwriting and hand printing of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR. further described below:

- 1) Report of Medical History dated 11/3/69.
- 2) Report of Medical History form dated 3/7/62.
- 3) Armed Forces Security Questionnaire dated 1/3/67.
- 4) Serviceman's Statement Concerning Application for Compensation from the Veterans Administration dated 3/10/70.

- 5) Dependent Medical Care and DD Form 1173 Statement, dated 3/10/70.
- 6) Acknowledgement of Service Obligation Under UMT and S Act (etc.) dated 3/31/62.
- 7) Statement of Understanding of Assignment, (etc.), dated 3/31/62.
- 8) Designation of Beneficiary Form dated 11/24/64.

Specimens received 4/9/72 from FBI, Salt Lake City:

K2 Two cards bearing hand printing furnished by RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.

Result of examination:

It was determined the Q1 hand printing was prepared by the person who prepared the hand printing on specimens K1 and K2.

The typewriting impressions on Q2, Q3, and Q11 consist of capital letters and numbers with the exception of ten lower-case letters on specimen Q11. From such classification as could be made of this limited amount of typewriting, it resembles most closely a style of type designated as "78 Presidential Pica" and "78 U" found on Smith-Corona office and portable typewriters, except the "Skyriter." This style of type is similar to "Prestige Pica" found on IBM standard, electric machines which precludes the elimination of the possibility that the questioned typewriting could have been prepared on an IBM typewriter.

Specimens Q1 through Q3 and Q11 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies will be added to this file for future reference.

The pieces of brass wire in Q4 are twisted together with a machine formed twist. The untwisted ends also show evidence of twisting but these may be hand twisted. The loose ends appear to have been broken by pulling while the wires were held by some metallic objects which dented one end and partially sliced the other end. These two ends were not broken from each other. No toolmarks of value are present on Q4. The origin of the Q4 wire could not be determined. No commercial or military explosive devices known to the Laboratory use wire such as Q4.

Specimen K1 was returned to the St. Louis courier on 4/8/72. The rest of the evidence is temporarily retained pending receipt of instructions from your office concerning its return.



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Salt Lake City (164-36)

Date: April 11, 1972

Re: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.;
UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 855
DENVER, COLORADO, TO
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
4/7/72;

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

CAA - HIJACKING

OO: Salt Lake City

Examination requested by:

Salt Lake City,
St. Louis

Reference:

Airtels 4/8/72, 4/9/72

FBI File No.

Lab. No.

D-72 04 08 001 HX

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D-72 04 09 002 HX

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Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint - Toolmark

Remarks:

If it is determined to be pertinent to the investigation, the Salt Lake City Office may wish to contact airline or catering personnel to determine if wires such as Q4 are used on special airline food or liquor packages. Twisted wire such as Q4 is used on carbonated wine bottles but these are normally steel rather than brass such as Q4.

Examination of the pieces of mirror which were "ALSO SUBMITTED" disclosed nothing to indicate origin.

Results of the requested fingerprint examination are being furnished separately.

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This communication confirms and supplements information telephonically furnished on 4/8/72 by SA [redacted] of the Laboratory to SA [redacted] of your office.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - St. Louis (164-NPRC-M) Enclosure (Lab report)

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Salt Lake City (9-778)

Date: April 11, 1972

Unsub, aka
I.N.E.D. of C.C.;

b7C

Re: [redacted]

MORMON CHURCH OFFICIAL -
VICTIM;
EXTORTION

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

OO: Salt Lake City

FBI File No.

Lab. No. D-720410094 IK

Examination requested by: Salt Lake City

Reference: Airtel 4/7/72

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 will be treated for latent fingerprints. The result of that examination and the disposition of these documents will be furnished by a separate report.

Examination of specimens Q1 and Q2 revealed a lack of distinctive characteristics in the typewriting on these documents, making it doubtful if the typewriting can ever be identified with the typewriter on which the letter was prepared.

Because both this case and the case entitled "Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr.; United Airlines flight 855, Denver, Colo. to Los Angeles, Calif., 4/7/72; CAA - Hijacking" involved demands for the same amounts of money, \$500,000.00, and the same area of the country, a comparison was made of the typewriting involved in these cases but was found to have been prepared on different typewriters.

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① - Salt Lake City (164-36) Enclosure (Lab report)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Salt Lake City (9-778)

Date: April 11, 1972

Re: Unsub, aka

FBI File No.

I.N.E.D. of C.C.:

Lab. No.

D-720410094 IK

[REDACTED] b7C
MORMON CHURCH OFFICIAL - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Specimens received 4/10/72

Q1 Envelope postmarked "SALT LAKE CITY, UT 2A PM 31 MAR 1972" b7C
bearing typewritten address [REDACTED] L. D. S. Church
Offices. 47 East So. Temple St. Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111"Q2 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter beginning [REDACTED]
This a STATEMENT..."

Results of the examination:

The typewriting on specimens Q1 and Q2 was determined to have been prepared on a typewriter equipped with Royal elite type, the letters of which are spaced 12 to the inch. This style of type is used on electric, standard manual, and portable typewriters.

The typewriting on specimens Q1 and Q2 was searched through the appropriate section of the Anonymous Letter File without identifying it with any of the typewriting therein. Representative copies will be added to the file for future reference.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 contain no watermark, indented writing, or other feature through which the origin of the paper or the immediate source of the letter and envelope might be ascertained.

Photographs of specimens Q1 and Q2 have been retained.

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I'd like to make a statement to
the newspapers, I want [redacted]

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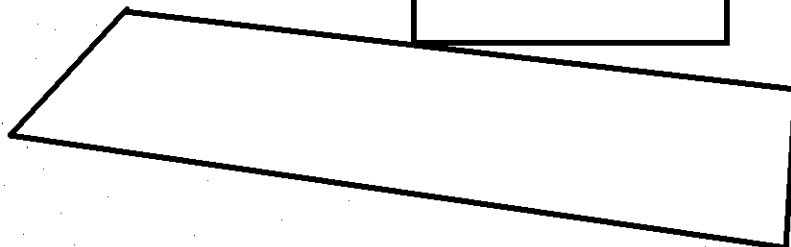
[redacted] of the Desert News.

Richard McCoy

TO



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Spec'd - 4/12/72 ~~AKD~~
3:00 PM

164-36-86

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United States Department of Justice

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

DISTRICT OF UTAH

200 U. S. POST OFFICE AND COURT HOUSE

350 SOUTH MAIN

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84101

TELE: (801) 524-5685

April 12, 1972



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Provo, Utah 84601

Dear Sir:

Re: U.S. v Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr.

This letter will confirm my telephone conversation with you this afternoon, in which I advised you that the above named defendant had had delivered to the United States Marshal a note in which the defendant stated that he wanted to make a statement to the newspaper, particularly  of the *Deseret News*. b7C

Photo copy of the note and the envelope in which it was contained are enclosed for your file.

This letter will confirm further that you requested that McCoy not be permitted to make any such statement until you could talk with him, and you advised that you would do this tomorrow.

Sincerely,

C. Nelson Day
United States Attorney

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*Copy - Russell R. Kellogg
SAC FBI
SAC, UTAH*

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4/11/72

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (164-323) (P)
SUBJECT: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, aka
CAA - AIR PIRACY

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original United Air Lines (UAL) ticket 1-016-15581741/-0 dated 3/31/72, passenger R. MC COY. A copy of this ticket is enclosed for Salt Lake City.

The Identification Division is requested to process this ticket for latents.

Note enclosed ticket is not the ticket MC COY used on the hijacked UAL flight out of Denver on 4/7/72; UAL is still attempting to locate this ticket. Enclosed ticket reflects travel by MC COY from Salt Lake to Denver on 3/31/72.

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Date April 11, 1972

To: SAC, Salt Lake City (164-36)

From: ✓ Director, FBI

Richard Floyd Mc Coy, Jr.
United Airlines Flight No. 855
Denver, Colorado, to Los Angeles, California
4/7/72

CAA - Hijacking

OO: Salt Lake City

Reurtel 4/8/72.

In accordance with your request, photographs of instruction note and three "PILOT'S PREFLIGHT CHECK LIST" forms containing typewritten entries are enclosed together with a photograph of MC COY's hand printing samples received from your office.

Enclosures (5)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (164-36)

DATE: 4/13/72

FROM

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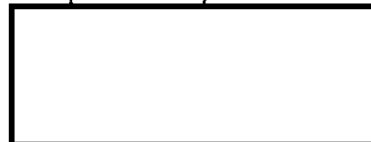
SUBJECT: RICHARD MC COY
HIJACKING

At 6:10 AM. this date [redacted] Charlotte field office requested SA [redacted] or case agent, to send all available personal history and ~~xxx~~ background of MC COY and family to the Charlotte office so that they may conduct appropriate investigation. b7C

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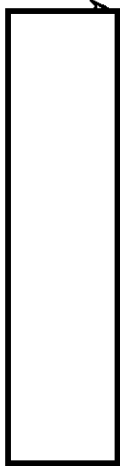
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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ATTN: M

FOR THE HIM, THE

4-10-72
HEARTIEST CONGRAT
2U, AS AN ORGANIZATION, &
2UR MEN WHO ACCOMPLISHED
THE ROUNDUP OF THAT MCOT
INSECT. NOW MAKE IT 100%
JOB BY LINING THEM UP @
THE TEMPLE WALLS & PER-

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-24)
NORJAK. OO:SEATTLE.

REVIEW OF BANK RECORDS OF RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., OBTAINED FROM WALKER BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, TODAY INDICATES APPLICATION FOR BANK CREDIT CARD DATED JANUARY TWENTY LAST. OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS AS OF THAT DATE INCLUDE FORTY DOLLARS TO MASTER CHARGE; SIX HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS TO BANKAMERICARD; NO AMOUNTS OWING TO WACHOVIA BANK AND TRUST, BUT PRIOR LOANS. CHECK DATED JANUARY TWENTYONE LAST IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FIRST SECURITY BANK FOR BANKAMERICARD PAYMENT. CHECK DATED MARCH TWENTYFOUR LAST TO WALKER BANK FOR BANKAMERICARD PAYMENT. OVERALL REVIEW OF OTHER CHECKS INDICATE MC COY HAD EXTENSIVE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING OTHERS THAN THOSE LISTED ON BANK CARD APPLICATION FORM.

CHUCK PETERSON VOLKSWAGEN DEALERSHIP, PROVO, UTAH,
ADVISED TODAY RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR. HAD REPAIRS

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ON VOLKSWAGEN ON SEVEN OCCASIONS SINCE NOVEMBER NINETEEN SEVENTY. MILEAGE WAS NOTED ON REPAIR TICKETS AS FOLLOWS: NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE NINETEEN SEVENTY, FOUR TWO ONE ZERO THREE MILES; JUNE TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, FIVE ONE ZERO ZERO FOUR MILES; SEPTEMBER TEN NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, FIVE THREE, SEVEN FOUR ZERO MILES; OCTOBER TWENTYNINE NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, FIVE FIVE THREE TWO ZERO MILES; NOVEMBER THIRTY NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, FIVE SEVEN ZERO FOUR TWO MILES; MARCH THIRTEEN LAST, SIX ZERO SIX SIX EIGHT MILES; AND APRIL FIVE LAST, SIX ONE SIX THREE FIVE MILES.

IT IS NOTED IN THE SEVEN MONTH PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE NINETEEN SEVENTY TO JUNE TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, MC COY DROVE EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND ONE MILES FOR AN AVERAGE MILEAGE PER MONTH OF ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTYONE MILES. DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, MC COY DROVE ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTYTWO MILES.

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Special Agent in Charge

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EMPLOMMENT RECORDS [REDACTED] INDICATE SHE APPLIED FOR b7C
POSITION WITH UTAH COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT ON NOVEMBER
NINETEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE. ON THE APPLICATION SHE
INDICATED THAT SHE PLANNED TO LEAVE PROVO, UTAH, ON
NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SEVENTYONE FOR THREE WEEK
VISIT TO NORTH CAROLINA. HUSBAND TO FOLLOW ON DECEMBER
TEN NINETEEN SEVENTYONE. PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO VISIT
HUSBAND'S FAMILY. SHE LATER CONTACTED OFFICE AND INDICATED
THAT THEY DID NOT GO BECAUSE OF ILLNESS. SHE DID NOT FURTHER
EXPLAIN. ADDITIONAL RECORDS, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY
INDICATE MC COY WAS ABSENT FROM CLASS ON DECEMBER TWO
NINETEEN SEVENTYONE.

NATIONAL GUARD RECORDS INDICATE MC COY ATTENDED NORMAL
DRILLS ON NOVEMBER THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN NINETEEN SEVENTYONE
AND DECEMBER ELEVEN AND TWELVE NINETEEN SEVENTYONE. HE
PERFORMED EXTRA FLIGHT DRILLS ON NOVEMBER NINETEEN AND
TWENTY NINETEEN SEVENTYONE AND DECEMBER FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN
AND SIXTEEN NINETEEN SEVENTYONE. RECORDS OF PURPOSES OF

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Special Agent in Charge

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EXTRA FLIGHTS DETERMINED TO BE IN HANDS OF A [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ARMY NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS, SALT LAKE CITY. b7C
EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE [REDACTED] FOR EXAMINATION OF
THESE DOCUMENTS.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTARY
EVIDENCE TO ESTABLISH MC COY'S WHEREABOUTS ON NOVEMBER
TWENTYFOUR NINETEEN SEVENTYONE.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.
END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Room 3203 Federal Building
125 South State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
April 13, 1972

[Redacted]
Utah National Guard
1543 Sunnyside Avenue
Salt Lake City, Utah 84102

b7C

Re: Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr.
United Airlines Hijacking

Dear [Redacted]

As you are aware the investigation of the hijacked United Airlines Flight 855, Friday, April 7, 1972, in which \$500,000.00 was obtained by the hijacker came to a successful conclusion with the arrest of Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr., and the recovery of the money at Provo, Utah. The success of this investigation was the result of the combined efforts of everyone concerned.

You, the pilots and equipment under your command contributed greatly to the successful investigation. Without the efforts and contributions made by you and your personnel the immediate investigation so vital to this case in the area of the Provo Airport could not have been accomplished.

We of the FBI extend to you our gratitude and sincere thanks for the cooperation you afforded our Agents. If we can ever be of assistance to you, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

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1 - Addressee
① - Salt Lake City
(164-36)(P)

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[Signature]
RUSSELL P. CALAME
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC (164-24) (164-36)

4/13/72

SA [REDACTED] b7C

NORJAK;

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CAA - HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE
WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS
(OO: SU)

On 4/12/72 [REDACTED] Mountain Bell Telephone Company, Provo, Utah, exhibited the long distance records for the telephone of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., 360 South 200 East, Provo, telephone 375-2930. Writer reviewed the bills dated 3/25/72, 2/25/72, 1/25/72, 12/25/71, 11/25/71, and 10/25/71, and made a complete handwritten recording of all long distance telephone calls placed from that number and collect call made to that number. Writer's notes will be made an exhibit in the NORJAK matter (164-24) in the event they need to be produced at a later date. b7C

On 4/12/72 [REDACTED] Utah National Guard, 251 South 200 East, American Fork, Utah, advised that Chief Warrant Officer-2 (CW2) RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., SSAN 237-66-2779, was released from the regular army and joined the 115th Engineering Group of the Utah National Guard in Murray, Utah, on 10/30/70. [REDACTED] stated MC COY remained in that unit until 1/1/72, at which time he transferred to the 1457th in American Fork. [REDACTED] stated MC COY is unknown to most members of the unit inasmuch as he does not attend drills at the Guard armory but reports to Army National Guard Aircraft Headquarters next to the Salt Lake City airport and does all of his flying and drilling from this location. He stated [REDACTED] at that location should have complete records of MC COY's flight schedules, dates, hours and any other information pertinent to MC COY's Guard flying. b7C

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[redacted] stated his records reflect that b7C
MC COY drilled on 11/13 and 14/71, and 12/11 and 12/71,
which were the normal drill dates for the 115th in Murray.
In addition, he performed extra flight drills for extra pay
on 11/19 and 20/71, and 12/14, 15 and 16/71.

[redacted] stated that once assigned to the b7C
1457th he attended the regular unit drills on 1/8 and 9/72,
2/ 8 and 9/72, and 3/11 and 12/72. In addition, he performed
extra flight drills on 1/22, and 2/12 and 13/72. He reiterated
that all of this drilling was at the air facility by the Salt
Lake City airport.

[redacted] stated that MC COY is merely assigned b7C
to them for paper and pay purposes.

He advised that his records reflected that MC COY
did not attend any schools until 2/28/72 at which time he went
to Fort Carson, Colorado until 3/5/72. In addition, on
11/2/71 he went to Davis-Moahan AFB in Arizona to pick up
a helicopter for the Guard and returned to Utah on 11/6/71.

[redacted] advised the records reflect b7C
MC COY is merely a rotary wing pilot and is not qualified
to fly fixed wing aircraft.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (164-36)

DATE: 4/10/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT:

UNSUB. aka

[REDACTED] b7C

UAL Flight No. 855

From Denver, Colorado to
Los Angeles, California
CAA; HIJACKING

OO: SU

Utah [REDACTED] Roy,
Utah, advised 7:00 A.M., 4/8/72, that at approximately
6:05 A.M., 4/8/72, that he was heading North towards the
Davis-Weber County line near Roy, Utah, and was stopped by
a person driving a gold 1972 Oldsmobile, Utah license
NT 2289. b7C

RIGBY determined this person to be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ogden, Utah.

[REDACTED] said that he had been parked at this
particular spot since approximately 3:00 A.M., on the
morning of 4/8/72, and claimed that someone had tried to
run him off the road. [REDACTED] stated that there was damage
on the side of the car where [REDACTED] had hit an island
marker. b7C

[REDACTED] claimed that he had been forced off the
road by a two-tone green Ford, year and license number
unknown.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] is described as 5'8", b7C
dark thick hair (appeared possibly to be a wig), 170-175
pounds, [redacted] wearing a pink shirt and gray striped
trousers; [redacted] had a DOB of [redacted]

[redacted] stated that in the back seat of the car were
two black attache cases lying on the floor. [redacted] stated that b7C
[redacted] claimed to be in the insurance business. [redacted] said
the Ogden City Directory shows [redacted] to be a [redacted]

ARMED & DANGEROUS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (164-36) (P)

DATE: 4/11/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CAA - HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE
WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS
(OO: Salt Lake City)

Re Bureau telephone call to Salt Lake City, 4/8/72.

At approximately 10:00 PM 4/8/72 a joint telephone call was received from [REDACTED] Investigative Division and [REDACTED] at which time [REDACTED] advised that a positive identification had been made of a note containing the hijacker's handwriting which had been retained by a stewardess as being identical with the handwriting of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR. The following items from subject's personnel records, St. Louis, Missouri, were used for comparison: b7C

1. Report of medical history, 3/7/62.
2. Report of medical history, 11/3/69.
3. Armed Forces security questionnaire, 1/3/67.
4. Serviceman's status concerning application for compensation from Veterans Administration, 3/10/70.
5. Dependent's medical care and DD Form 1173, 3/10/70.
6. Acknowledgement of service attendance under UMT & S ACT, etc., dated 3/31/62.
7. Statement of understanding of assignment, etc., 3/31/62.
8. Description of beneficiary form, 11/24/64.

Photocopies have been taken of the above items and the originals will be returned to the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

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[] stated a tentative identification had been made on a photocopy of MC COY's handwriting sample provided by Salt Lake City. He stated they desire the original be forwarded to the Laboratory immediately as it is needed for positive identification. b7C

[] related that the confirmation of the positive identification would be forwarded to Salt Lake City on 4/10/72 as there was no clerical help available at that time.

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TO : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)(P) DATE: 4/12/72

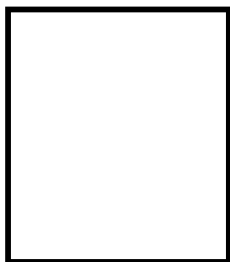
FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS
(OO: SU)

On 4/9/72, SA [REDACTED] participated in a search of the residence at 360 South 200 East, Provo, Utah, in regard to the above-captioned hijacking matter. SA [REDACTED] in company of SA [REDACTED], searched Subject's bedroom and observed the following list of names and telephone numbers, which were written on various sections of the telephone directory on the night table next to the bed:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephone numbers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]

The following telephone numbers were not identified:



b7C

During the search of the bedroom, an upright file cabinet, containing four drawers, was observed in the northeast corner of the bedroom. One drawer contained a folder indicating classes taken by MC COY at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Examination of one folder, which was entitled "Law Enforcement--Fletcher," revealed three Xerox copies of various

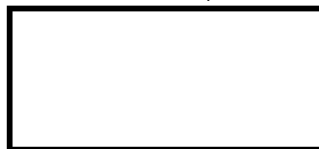
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newspaper articles which had been clipped, and these articles were concerned with the hijacking, "NORJAK." The bottom drawer of this cabinet contained numerous gasoline credit cards, which were all current, as well as blank checks for checking accounts for MC COY [redacted] at Walker Bank, First Security Bank, and a bank in Raleigh, North Carolina. b7C

It is noted there were two telephones in the bedroom of the MC COY residence; these were table type telephones, which were placed on both sides of the headboard of the bed. This is mentioned since it is thought to be unusual.

It is noted medical bills were observed in the bedroom from [redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah, and SMITH--CLINIC, 146 East Center, Provo, Utah. b7C

DIRECTOR, FBI

4/13/72

CW
SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

DAMAGE TO CLOTHING BY SKUNK,
SA [REDACTED]
SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION,
April 8, 1972

b7C

DJ-110
Enclosed herewith in triplicate is SF-95, Claim for Damage, SA [REDACTED] Salt Lake City Division, dated 4/13/72. b7C

For the information of the Bureau, SA [REDACTED] at approximately 3:30 AM on 4/8/72 was participating in a ground search west of the Provo, Utah, airport attempting to locate the subject who had jumped from an aircraft. The aircraft was the hijacked United Airlines 727, Flight 855, which had been flown from San Francisco International Airport to Provo, Utah, under the control of the hijacker who has since been identified as RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR. of Provo, Utah. MC COY had parachuted from the aircraft somewhere over Provo and an extensive search was being conducted to locate him and the \$500,000.00 he had obtained at San Francisco. b7C

SA [REDACTED] with other Agents of the Salt Lake City Division, was searching the described area where he flashed his light in the direction of a noise which he heard in brush nearby. The light startled a skunk a short distance from him causing the skunk to spray him. His clothing was saturated and ruined by the fluid and the odor penetrated the clothing he was wearing. SA [REDACTED] was accompanied by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] assigned the Salt Lake City Division, at the time of the accident. b7C

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W. R. [REDACTED]
W. R. [REDACTED]
W. R. [REDACTED]
W. R. [REDACTED]

[Handwritten signature]
[REDACTED] b7C

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NR006 WA PLAIN

4:15AM URGENT 4-14-72 DEB

TO CHICAGO (164-323)

SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, AKA CAA DASH AIR PIRACY.

REGAIRTEL APRIL ELEVEN LAST SUBMITTING AIRLINE TICKET
REFLECTING TRAVEL OF SUBJECT FROM SALT LAKE CITY TO DENVER ON MARCH
THIRTYONE LAST.

LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED ON TICKET IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS
SUBJECT MC COY, FBI NUMBER NINE ONE NINE FOUR NAUGHT SIX J TWO.
CONFIRMING.

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April 11, 1972

**Mr. Robert E. Gebhardt
Federal Bureau of Investigation
San Francisco, California**

Dear Mr. Gebhardt:

I wish to commend, through you, those Agents of the San Francisco Division who rendered such effective assistance in connection with the Crime Aboard Aircraft case involving Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr.

Everyone performed in a highly professional manner and their efforts contributed to the success achieved. I ask that you convey my appreciation to them.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - SAC, Salt Lake City (Personal Attention) For your information

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 4/10/72

At approximately 4:22 p.m., Sunday, April 9, 1972, Special Agent [redacted] received from [redacted] [redacted] United Air Lines, Flight 166, Dulles International Airport, Virginia, two manila envelopes addressed to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., 20535, Attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory. The envelopes bore the return address of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111. b7C

These two envelopes were maintained in the possession of Special Agent [redacted] and personally taken to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory, Washington, D. C., where they were turned over to Special Agent [redacted] at 5:48 p.m. b7C

The two original envelopes were identified by both Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] and are being retained by Washington Field. b7C

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Interviewed on 4/9/72 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 164-178

by SA [redacted] b7C EJM:ksv Date dictated 4/10/72

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

DATE: 4/10/72

FROM : SAC, WFO (164-178) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., aka;
CAA - HIJACKING
(OO:SU)

Re Salt Lake City call to WFO, 4/9/72.

Enclosed for Salt Lake City are eight copies of a self-explanatory FD 302, showing receipt of two manila envelopes from [redacted] Flight 166, United Air Lines, and delivery of the same to FBI Laboratory.

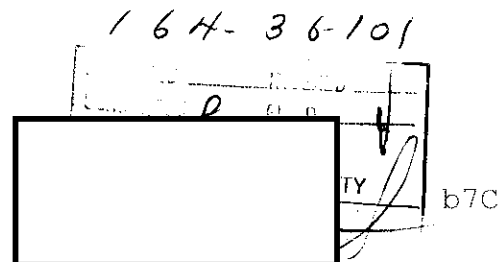
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② Salt Lake City (Enc. 8)
1- WFO

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I think it's awful the way the skyjacker
(supposed) in Utah was marched down the
street shackled like a stray dog. Pictures
should not be taken of suspects - after all,
we still are innocent until proven guilty,
aren't we? The poor man shouldn't have
been shackled & national network news
(T.V.) shouldn't have filmed his face.

Shame On You,

U.S. Marshal shackled
him.
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No return
address
[redacted]

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Salt Lake City,
UTAH

3203 Federal Bldg., 125 South State
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84105 b7C

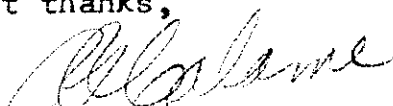
Dear [redacted]:

I am writing to express the appreciation of the Salt Lake City Division of the FBI for your assistance in the recent aircraft hijacking case involving Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr.

Your information was not only specific, based on personal knowledge, but what is more important you furnished it promptly, which enabled us to accomplish several things that would not otherwise have been possible. As you know based on your experience in law enforcement, there are many different suspects suggested by law enforcement personnel, the general public, and in addition the suspects uncovered by investigation due to the circumstances of a particular case. This was somewhat the case last weekend. It is a tremendous investigative task to sift the information and to run enough investigation fast enough to resolve whether an individual has any potential as a suspect. You acted in the highest traditions of law enforcement, and can surely take pride in your part in helping to identify McCoy as the hijacker.

We hope you will maintain close relations with the FBI, and if there is anything we can do to assist you, please feel free to call on us. I am taking the liberty of making a copy of this letter available to [redacted] because of his intense interest in such matters. b7C

With our sincerest thanks,


RUSSELL P. CALAME
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Addressee

cc -

[redacted]
Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office
Hall of Justice

Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

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Utah Officers on Suspect's Trail in Jet Hijacking, \$500,000 Theft

Have Lead, Says Provo Police Head

PROVO, Utah (AP)—A police chief said today, "We have a suspect," as a ground and air posse of more than 200 men searched for a young hijacker who parachuted from a jet airliner with what officials say was \$500,000.

FBI agents declined to confirm the statement, but Provo Police Chief Jesse Evans said, "There is a lead in the case. It involves a suspect. We have a suspect."

Evans said officers found a piece of plastic believed connected with the hijacking but which was not part of a parachute.

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1 Ogden Standard-
Examiner, Ogden,
Utah

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Evans said no arrest had been made but that authorities had obtained the name of a man whom they suspect was involved.

The searchers in helicopters criss-crossed over a marshy area near this north-central Utah city this morning and other officers worked the same area on the ground in search of the young hijacker who leaped from the United Airlines 727 Jet Friday night.

SEVENTH TIME

That was the seventh time in just under five months that parachutes and ransom figured in air piracy.

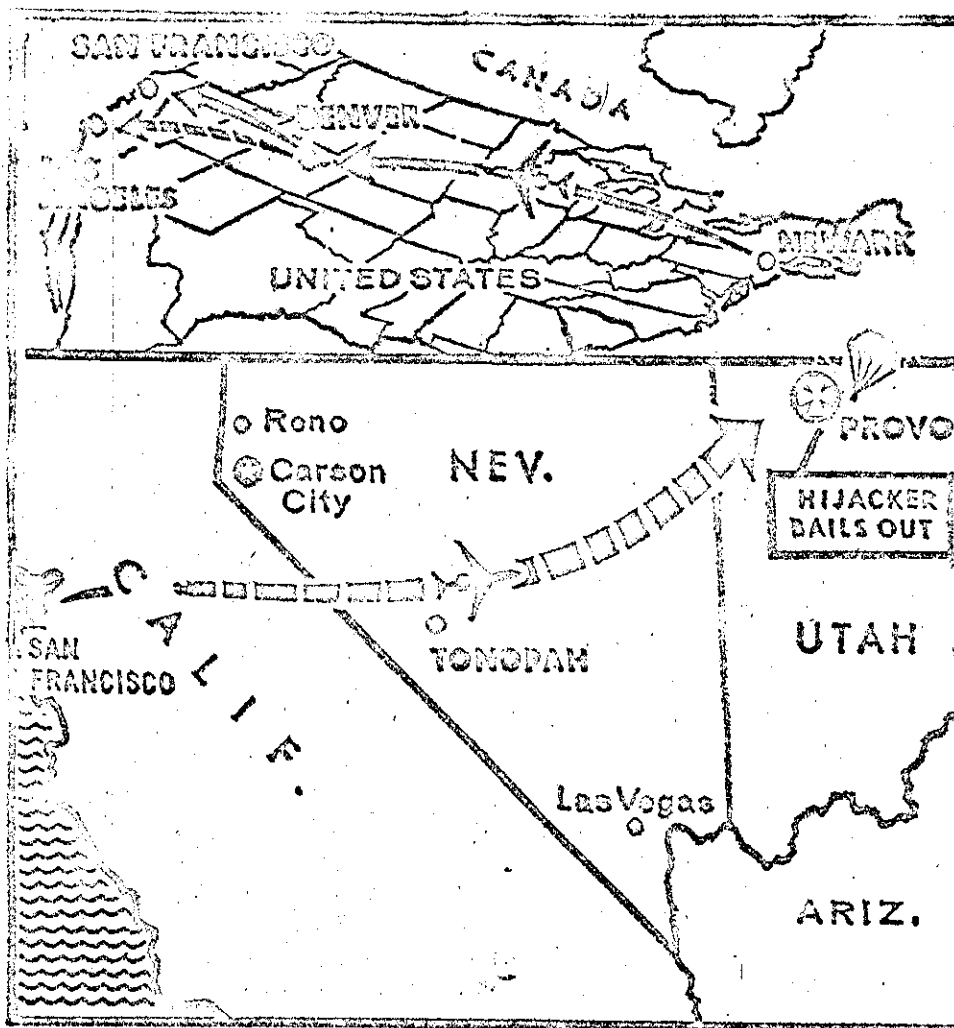
A house-to-house portion of the search here was called off today, Evans said, declining further comment.

A blockade of roads into the area was lifted shortly after Evans made his statement, a Utah Highway Patrol dispatcher said.

Clear skies bathed the wide open search area near the Provo airport and police were checking local doctors and hospitals in the area surrounding Utah Lake.

The hijacking amounted to a forced zigzag flight across the West.

The nine-hour odyssey began over the Rocky Mountains almost 30 minutes after the plane left Denver at 2:36 p.m. MST.



ZIGZAG JOURNEY—Original route of hijacked plane and where it was hijacked after Denver takeoff, is shown in top map. Bottom map shows its route after leaving San Francisco and approximate area where hijacker leaped.—Standard Examiner UPI Telephoto.

when a mustachioed passenger wearing mirrored sunglasses, a pink shirt and a blue pinstripe suit ordered the Los Angeles-bound plane diverted to San Francisco.

Mrs. Dick McLennan of Denver, who sat next to the hijacker, said she saw no weapon but did see the man pass notes to the captain.

ARE PRE-WRITTEN

A CBS newsmen on the plane, Jim Kilpatrick, said "The notes that were passed back and forth were all pre-written."

Sandy Wilkinson, a 25-year-old off-duty UAL stewardess on the flight, said she did not see any weapons either but was told the hijacker had a hand grenade and pistol.

One passenger said the hijacker pulled a pistol.

All but three of the 86 passengers and four United employees riding as passengers had boarded in Denver, where airline officials said the only security was a check of passengers against a "profile" of hijacker characteristics. The airline did not immediately know the sex of the three persons who remained on board Flight 855 from its origin in Newark, N.J.

For three hours the plane sat at the far end of Runway 19-Left, about a mile from main terminal at San Francisco International Airport, while the airline provided what the hijacker had demanded—four parachutes, fuel for 4,000 miles of flight and \$500,000. The money in two suitcases was placed on a ramp about 100 feet from the plane and picked up shortly at 7:41 PST, headed east with the hijacker and five remaining crewmen.

A prisoner under escort by a California correctional officer was chosen by the hijacker to go out and pick up the money.

Officer Joseph Gonzales said the prisoner, William R. Coggin, 21, Sacramento, whom he was escorting to San Quentin, was picked with a United Air Lines employee to go out and bring back the two suitcases.

Gonzales said he and Coggin were sitting immediately in front of the hijacker and that he had noticed just after take off from Denver that the man was acting suspiciously. Then, he said, he saw the hijacker give the first note to another passenger and tell him to give it to a stewardess.

Gonzales said after the money was brought aboard the plane the hijacker told Coggin to go to first class and for him to stay in the coach section.

The passengers and one stewardess then were allowed to leave the plane and it took off at 7:41 PST, headed east.

The Air Force said during the evening that F106 Delta Daggers at Hamilton Air Force Base had been alerted, but it refused to confirm they had been sent to follow the airliner.

REPORT IN ERROR

After leaving San Francisco, the pilot was ordered to fly over southern Nevada. There was an erroneous report from the FBI that the hijacker had bailed out over Wilson Creek, Nev.

The three-engine plane then zigzagged over southern Utah as the pilot was given several directions by the hijacker.

An airline spokesman in Denver, Don Canaulte, said, "He

keeps giving the crew new headings. I think it sounds like he's reading a map, just like I am. We don't know what he's got planned or why he's coming back this way."

The pilot radioed that the hijacker bailed out at 11:25 p.m. MST near Provo. The plane continued to Salt Lake City, where all five crew members were reported safe upon landing.

The pilot, Gerry D. Hearn of Los Angeles, then took off in another plane to drop flares over a marshy area just south of Utah Lake near Provo and about 20 miles from the Wasatch Mountains.

Some 200 officers took part in the early stages of the search. Helicopters from Hill AFB, Utah, also were pressed into use.

DROPPED FLARES

Crewmen periodically dropped flares, each of which lighted several square miles.

Roadblocks were established near the Provo airport and 25 miles either side of Provo, on Interstate 15, a north-south arterial.

Subject of the search was a white male, 5-foot-6, thin, aged 25 to 30. Authorities said the name on his ticket was T. Johnson.

Only one of the six other parachute-ransom hijackers has not been apprehended—a man who gave the name of D. B. Cooper.

He bailed out of a Northwest Airlines 727 last Thanksgiving Eve somewhere between Seattle, Wash., and Reno, Nev., with \$200,000 of the airline's money.

Nearly all the passengers were unaware they were being hijacked Friday until they were on the ground at San Francisco.

Robert Mainthow, a 20-year-old student at Denver University, said "all these weird things began to happen" shortly after the craft had taken off from Denver.

REMAINED CALM

"We were supposed to land at Grand Junction, Colo., because we had problems with the engine, and then the engine fixed itself," said Mainthow.

"Then, we were supposed to land in Los Angeles, but there was too much smog or fog and we came to San Francisco," he added.

Mainthow said the passengers learned of what was going on after the jetliner landed at San Francisco. Most, he said, remained calm.

He said he was scared "while we were on the ground. In the air, we didn't know what was happening."

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NO CONTACT

Pilot Reluctant To Give Details

By PETER GILLINS
SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Pilot Jerry D. Hearn didn't want to talk much about the way a hijacker took over his Boeing 727 and parachuted with a half million dollars.

"It gives people too many ideas about how to do it again," Hearn, a 17-year veteran of flying with United Air Lines, told a news conference early today shortly after his plane landed here.

"Everytime they read about something like this the plans get

more sophisticated," he said.

The pilot said the hijacker claimed he had "plastic explosives, hand grenades and two handguns," however, he said crew members saw only one gun.

NO CONTACT

Hearn said he had no personal contact with the man.

"The only contact I had was through instructions in an envelope delivered by a stewardess," he said.

The stewardess who ran back and forth with the messages was Diane Surdam, 24, Los Angeles.

"We were apprehensive," she told newsmen. "We believed him" when he made threats.

Hearn said the crew was assembled in the cockpit when the man jumped into the cold night air.

None of the crew saw the man jump but they could tell from the way the craft reacted, he said.

In addition to Hearn, the male crewmen included First Officer K. R. Bradley and Second Officer K.W. Owen. The other stewardesses were D.K. Sugimoto and M.N. Yewby.

Mrs. Sugimoto said the man communicated only through the notes.

"He didn't say anything to me," she said. "He didn't say anything to anybody. He just wrote notes."

Passengers permitted to disembark at San Francisco were unanimous in praising the calmness of the crew and the stewardesses during the long ordeal.

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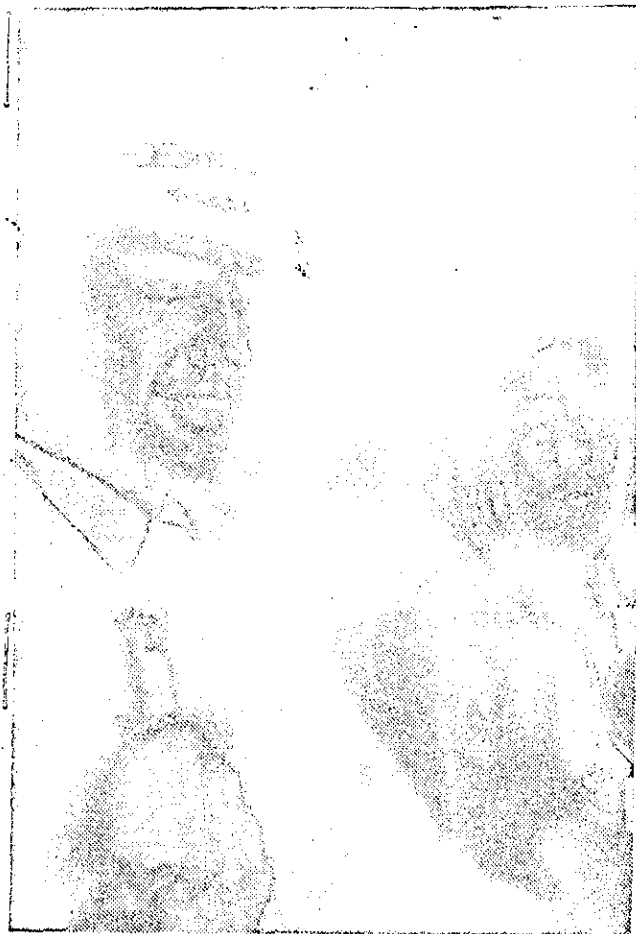
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AT NEWS CONFERENCE in Salt Lake City, United Airlines pilot Jerry D. Hearn describes what it was like to be hijacked. He said he never saw the hijacker, who passed him instructions in notes handed to a stewardess. Also on the flight was another stewardess, Margi Newby, right.—Standard-Examiner UPI Telephoto.

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Provo Reaction

McCoy's Arrest

Surprises

Most Friends

By George A. Sorensen
Tribune Suburban Editor

PROVO — Richard Floyd McCoy Jr. was described by friends and neighbors as a quiet friendly man who lived up to his teachings as a Sunday School teacher by helping his neighbors.

They expressed surprise at his arrest early Sunday morning in the Friday night hijacking of a United Air Lines jetliner in which \$500,000 was extorted from the company.

McCoy is 29 years old, has a wife, Karen, and two children, Chante, 5, and Richard 2. He is a student at Brigham Young University, where his major is law enforcement.

Veteran Jumper

A veteran of Vietnam he is a member of the 115th Engineers, Utah National Guard, spending some weekends training with them. He also is a parachute jumper with 30 jumps to his credit at the Alta Air Park near Sandy, 30 miles north of here.

He also was a Sunday School teacher in the Provo First Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, until a month ago. He is remembered by a student as "a very nice man."

His arrest Sunday morning came as he was getting ready to go to a National Guard drill in Murray. He was wearing Army fatigues when FBI agents took him into custody. Later he changed into a gray suit and tie.

The home in which the McCoy family resides is a modest brown brick with a basement. They occupy the main floor of the house at 360 S. 200 East, in an area not far from the downtown business district. Like the other homes in the area, it is surrounded by lawn with a large grassy area in the rear for the children to play.

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Under Surveillance

The house apparently had been under surveillance by the FBI since shortly after noon Saturday. Mrs. Fred Hilson, who lives two doors away, said some men in a dark car sat outside the home for an hour and one-half, starting about 1 p.m.

They left and then came back between 4 and 5 p.m., going up to the McCoy's home, then left a few minutes later without taking anyone, Mrs. Hilson said.

Her association with the McCoy's "was mainly through the church and the fact that our children played together, especially Chante, Mrs. Hilson said.

Norm Cluff and his wife Jessica found

it hard "to believe he would do such a thing."

Neighbors who live across the street, the Cluffs, described him: "He was a real kind person. He would help push our car out of the snow when no one else would."

Friendly, Smiling

Mr. Cluff said he was "real quiet, always friendly and always smiling."

Roy Peterman, who occupies the basement apartment at 370 S. 200 East, and has been a graduate student at BYU, said he has been a neighbor of the McCoy's for about 1½ years.

"He was the type of fellow you could always say 'Hi' to and get a response. He seemed to be a warm individual," Mr. Peterman said.

Other neighbors described him as very pleasant and knowledgeable student at the Y.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McCoy were described as "avid church goers" by another neighbor, Brent Reynolds.

"He is real level-headed and does not seem to be the kind of a kid to hijack a plane. He is the type you would like for a friend," Mr. Reynolds said.

Describe Mrs. McCoy

Several of those present Sunday said Mrs. McCoy was a former Provo High School teacher and is now a case worker for the Utah County Welfare Department. She is vitally interested in the proper raising of her children and has a deep concern that they "be brought up right," one acquaintance said.

McCoy, a slight man with a receding hairline, flies almost every weekend for the National Guard, in which he is a warrant officer. He served in Vietnam in 1964 with the Special Forces and in 1967 as a helicopter pilot.

He has logged 30 parachute jumps, none of them at night, at the Alta Air Park, said Bill

Dause, McCoy's instructor.

It was at night when the hijacker parachuted from the 727 jet.

Mr. Dause described McCoy as quite intelligent and likable. He had been jumping at the air park for 18 months, but never seemed to have the money to spare to jump as much as he wanted, Mr. Dause said.

He did own his own chute work.

Refused to Talk

Mrs. McCoy spent most of the morning at the home of a neighbor as her own home, with blinds drawn, echoed several times with the ringing of a telephone which was never answered. It was at the neighbor's home that the FBI agents served her with a search warrant for her home. She refused to talk with newsmen.

Several persons were on hand to assist her, including one identified as Mrs. John Matthews, wife of the bishop of their LDS ward. When she was taken from the back door of the house, across a driveway separating the two houses and into her back door, she was surrounded by women who apparently were trying to shield her from news photographers.

The curious turned out in large numbers. Two men who said they had been following the story on their car radio all the way from Duluth, Minn., drove by the house. They said they hope to get jobs at the nearby Geneva Steel Works.

As word of the arrest spread, other persons drove slowly past the front of the home Sunday afternoon. Many stopped to watch as FBI agents, occasionally left or entered the home and at one time were seen digging in the back yard.

Several friends were admitted to the home and seemed to be assisting Mrs. McCoy.

BYU officials said McCoy was carrying 20½ hours of credits and had good grades.

They said they began checking his records Saturday at the request of the FBI.

Richard F. McCoy Sr., Raleigh, N.C., his father said "I feel he's innocent, he's not that kind of boy."

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Skyjacker Parachutes From Jet Near Provo

By Dave Beck, Craig Hansen
and George A. Sorensen
Tribune Staff Writers

A gunman, who hijacked a United Air Lines 727 jet and demanded and got \$500,000, parachuted from the plane Friday at 11:15 p.m. near Provo.

The jet landed at Salt Lake International Airport about 11:50 p.m.

The Utah Highway Patrol dispatcher at Provo said all available manpower, "everyone that can walk," was out looking for the hijacker.

On and off duty officers from the Highway Patrol, Orem City, Provo City and Utah County Sheriff's Office were out looking. The Utah County Jeep Patrol also was alerted.

The best information available indicated the hijacker jumped in an area of farm and marsh land near Springville.

The hijacker, described as a swarthy, bespectacled man with a mustache, took over the Boeing 727 jetliner a few minutes after it left Denver for Los Angeles Friday afternoon.

He forced the pilot to fly to San Francisco where the half a million dollars in money and four parachutes were loaded aboard. The plane's 85 passengers were permitted to disembark.

The hijacker also ordered the plane refueled.

The plane was airborne at 8:41 p.m. (MST), heading for Nevada and carrying enough fuel for 4,000 miles.

According to newsmen at the Las Vegas Sun a dummy parachute with a

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signaling service attached was dropped about halfway between Pioche and Ely.

The plane then began an orbit over Utah, passing several times over Fairfield, which is west of Utah Lake.

FBI agents and police cordoned off the airliner as soon as it touched down at the Salt Lake International Airport. A package was found aboard the aircraft and, although no information was available as to what it contained, Frank Smith, a Salt Lake City Police Dept. demolition expert, was called to the airport.

Crew Interrogated

The crew was taken inside the airport terminal for interrogation.

Utah Highway Patrol dispatcher said they had received information that the hijacker might possibly have jumped over the southeast corner of Utah Lake.

Helicopters were sent to the area early Saturday morning.

UAL officials in San Francisco said the hijacker donned a jumpsuit before parachuting.

"It would seem that the hijacking was well thought out, well planned and he obviously had a knowledge of parachutes," one official said.

The hijacker had signed onto the plane as "A. T. Johnson," agents said.

The dummy parachute touched off speculation that the hijacker may have bailed out over Wilson Creek, Nev., a desolate, mountainous area some 20 miles west of the Utah border west of Cedar City.

Sheriff Alerted

The FBI alerted the Lincoln County Sheriff's office in Pioche at about 9:45 MST to set up roadblocks, but this alert was almost immediately rescinded as later information made it clear that the hijacker was not in the area.

Friday's hijacking began over the Rocky Mountains, not long after the plane stopped in Denver. The 727 jetliner involved was United's flight 855 from Newark, N.J., to Los Angeles.

The plane was diverted to San Francisco where it landed at 4:15 p.m. PST. The craft was fueled, all baggage aboard was unloaded and the parachutes were delivered in response to the hijacker's request.

Shortly after 7 p.m. PST, airline spokesman Mardy Leaver said the half a million dollars had been delivered—left on a ramp about 100 feet from the plane and picked up.

Passengers Get Off

The passengers began getting off the plane immediately after the hijacker's demands were met.

It was not immediately known how many of the six crewmen remained aboard. Initially, the airline said the plane carried 85 passengers, plus the hijacker, and four United personnel traveling as passengers.

Among those let off the plane in San Francisco was Sandra Wilkinson, 25, of Honolulu, an off-duty stewardess. She said most of the passengers did not know the plane was being hijacked.

"One man wearing mirrored sun-

glasses passed notes up to the captain. He had a dark complexion with a mustache curled up at the ends," she said.

Miss Wilkinson said he understood the hijacker was armed with a hand grenade and a pistol. She said the money had been delivered to him in two suitcases.

Another passenger, Michael Luckoff, sales manager for KGO Radio in San Francisco, said the hijacker appeared to be wearing a wig. He said everyone on the plane remained calm while the plane waited at the airport.

During the three hours at San Francisco International Airport, the plane sat at the far end of Runway 19 — Left, about a mile from the main terminal.

A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter carrying FBI sharpshooters was reported to have taken off immediately after the jetliner, but the Coast Guard refused further comment.

AF Alerts 2 Jets

Lt. Col. John Walker of —Hamilton Air Force Base had said two —F106 Delta Daggers were standing by waiting to "scramble to follow the hijacked plane." The Air Force refused to say whether their planes had taken off, however.

The hijacker ordered the plane diverted not long after it left Denver at 2:36 p.m. MST.

A United spokesman in Denver said the airline had used the Federal Aviation Administration profile of characteristics of potential hijackers, but reportedly employed no other special security precautions for passengers boarding at Denver.

It was not known where the hijacker got on the plane. United said all but three of the passengers on the hijacked plane got on in Denver. The airline did not immediately know the sex of the three passengers who remained on board at Denver.

The plane had a capacity of 96 passengers. The Boeing 727 is a medium range aircraft with a normal cruising speed of

600 miles an hour and three engines.

Parachutes and ransom have figured in six other hijackings since last Nov. 12.

The first hijacker to try to use a parachute was identified as Paul Joseph Cinci, 27, of Calgary, Alta., who took over an Air Canada DC8 bound from Vancouver to Toronto. Cinci demanded and got \$50,000 ransom and started to strap himself into a parachute he said he had carried on the plane. He was

overpowered by crew members.

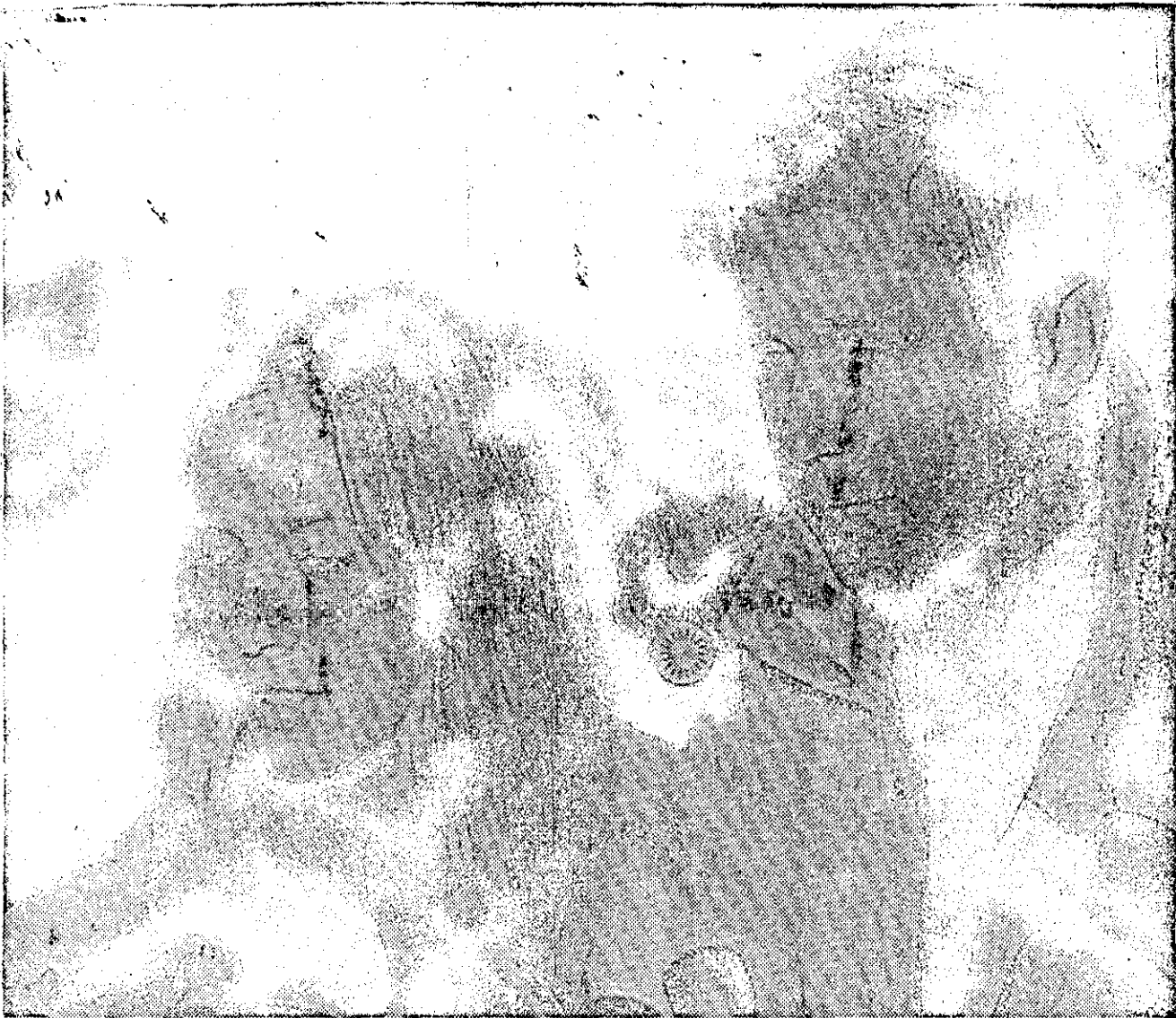
On Dec. 24, a man identified as Everett L. Holt of Indianapolis, was captured at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport after a five-hour period during which he threatened to blow up a Northwest Airlines Boeing 707 unless given \$300,000 and two parachutes. His hostages escaped, however, and he surrendered.

Hijacker Surrendered

On Jan. 12, a man identified as Billy E. Hurst, 22, hijacked a Braniff Boeing 727 en route from Houston to Minneapolis and forced it to land at Dallas, demanding among other things, parachutes and \$1 million. He never got either the money or the parachutes and, as in the Chicago incident, the hostages escaped and the hijacker surrendered.

On Jan. 20, a young man identified only as John Shane parachuted from a Hughes Airwest DC9 over Colorado, along with \$50,000 he had demanded from the airline when he hijacked the plane at Las Vegas, Nev., McCarran International Airport. The young man was captured within a few hours.

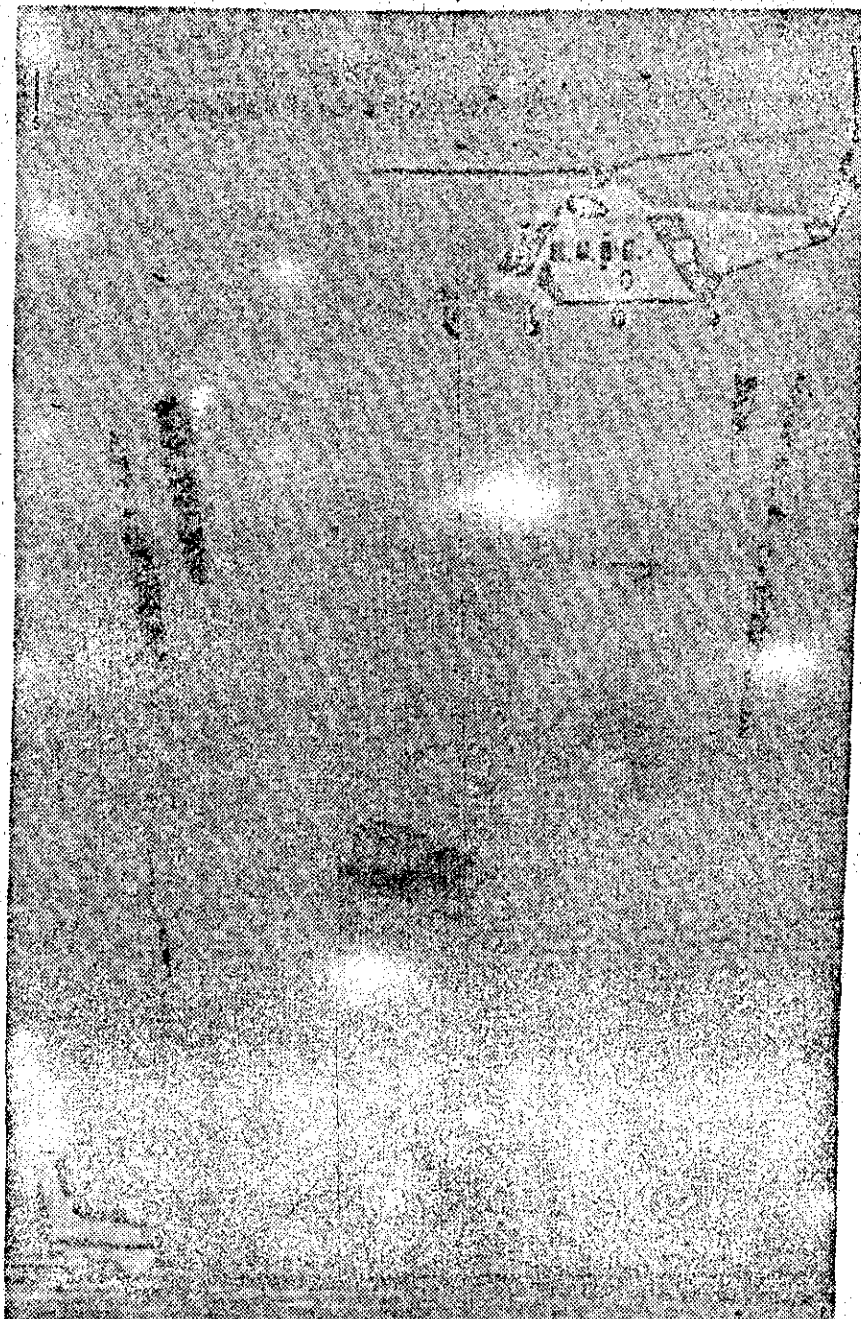
A week later, Heinrich von George, 45, hijacked an Albany to New York flight of Mohawk Airlines and demanded two parachutes and \$200,000. He was given both and the plane took off, but it landed again at the Dutchess County Airport in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., at the hijacker's request, and an FBI sharpshooter shot and killed him.



Sandra Wilkinson, 25, Honolulu, an off-duty stewardess who found herself hostage on a hijacked

airliner Friday, and Dr. Harry Huffaker, another passenger also of Honolulu, describe experience.

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U.S. Coast Guard helicopter ar-
rives at San Francisco Airport

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Father Vows to Stand By; Considers Son Innocent

Special to The Tribune
RALEIGH, N.C. — Richard F. McCoy Sr., father of the man accused in the hijack for \$500,000 ransom of a United Air Lines 727 aircraft Friday night just out of Denver, said Sunday, "He has always been active in the church (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) and I feel he is innocent."

He continued, "I don't see how he could do such a thing and be consistent with the teachings of the church. I just

don't know anything about it. I have to consider him innocent. I have to stand by him."

The senior McCoy, 52, a retired Army master sergeant, said, "We talked to his wife this morning, and she was all in pieces."

"They're not rich, but he has the GI Bill and his wife works. He never asked me for any money. He was making good grades."

Mr. McCoy said, "I just don't know. War does funny things to people sometimes."

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Sent Specific Instructions

Capt. Hearn, 17 years with UAL and planning to move to Salt Lake City soon, said the hijacker sent specific instructions to the cockpit and "the flight plan was similar to what we ourselves prepared." The captain never saw the hijacker. In fact, the hunted man apparently didn't leave his seat, sending pre-written instructions to the cockpit with Stewardess Dianne Surdam, 24, Los Angeles.

Other crew members with the hijacker after he had allowed 85 passengers to deplane in San Francisco were first officer Ken Bradley, second officer Kent Owen and stewardess Margie Newby, all from southern California. A third stewardess, D. K. Sugimoto, left the plane in San Francisco.

Capt. Hearn and Mr. Owen said the man did not verbally threaten anyone. But the series of notes "threatened destruction of the plane and himself," the captain said. The hijacker wrote he was armed with two guns, plastic explosives and a hand grenade. However, the stewardesses saw only one gun.

The crew's account of the hijacking came after this series of events:

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Western Airlines man passes out tickets home to hijacked United crewmen Ken Bradley, left, Dianne

Surdam, Margie Newby and Capt. Gerry Hearn. Second Officer Kent Owen was inside terminal.

The plane left Newark, N.J., for Los Angeles, stopping in Denver, where the hijacker boarded under the name of "T. Johnson." He was reported to be wearing mirrorlike dark glasses, a dark wig and a mustache.

He sent his first warning note and demands to the cockpit a few minutes after the plane left Denver, forcing the crew to fly to San Francisco.

The half million dollars was brought aboard and the passengers released unharmed.

Then began a zig-zag course over Nevada and Utah with just the gunman and the crew aboard. One of the parachutes reportedly was dropped between

Pioche and Ely, Nev., leading to reports that the man had bailed out. The crew reported the back door of the jet was open all the way from San Francisco and the craft was not pressurized.

Capt. Hearn said he could tell when the man jumped "by the characteristics of the airplane and its configuration." He said the man dumped out two chutes before leaving the plane.

Capt. Hearn landed the aircraft at Salt Lake City International Airport shortly before midnight Friday. The man reportedly jumped around 11:30 p.m.

FBI agents and police cordoned off the airliner and a police demolition ex-

Frank Smith, participating in a search of the plane. No bomb was found.

Rumors began to fly within minutes after the landing. One report was that a woman had seen a man parachute from a plane near Lehi, but law enforcement officers said there was no basis for the rumor.

Several reports were received that a helicopter landed near where the man was thought to have landed and had whisked the hijacker away.

Helicopter Flights

Brig. Gen. Van Hixson, deputy Utah adjutant general said this rumor could have stemmed from a sighting of Utah National Guard helicopter flights. He said two helicopters transported FBI agents to the Provo area, touching down once at Nephi and once at Provo about 11:30. The general said the FBI contacted the Guard approximately an hour before, apparently sure the plane was headed for that area.

Utah Highway Patrol Dispatcher Ron Law, Provo, said Sanpete County Sheriff Grant Larsen, alerted by a report the aircraft was heading north from Cedar City, told him he saw a helicopter land twice at Nephi and once by Burton's Pond west of U.S. 91 midway between Mona and Nephi. The sheriff reportedly said the copter took off each time before he could get to it in his car.

Persistent Report

The most persistent report during the day was that Provo Police Chief Jesse Evans had announced lawmen had uncovered a lead and had a suspect. The chief later modified the statement to "possible suspect" and said his statements had been exaggerated.

Utah County Sheriff Ralph (Dick) Chapple said the report of a suspect was "just a rumor." He said his office had been receiving many reports which, when checked out, could not be substantiated.

The search fanned out from the Provo Airport at the west end of town for 60 miles to the southeast. This was the concentrated search area. However, helicopters also sought the hijacker all over Utah and Juab counties, down to Richfield and even in the Price area.

Many Agencies

Searchers represented the Utah Highway Patrol (in cars and planes), the Salt Lake and Utah County Sheriff Jeep Poses and FBI and other law enforcement agencies from throughout the area.

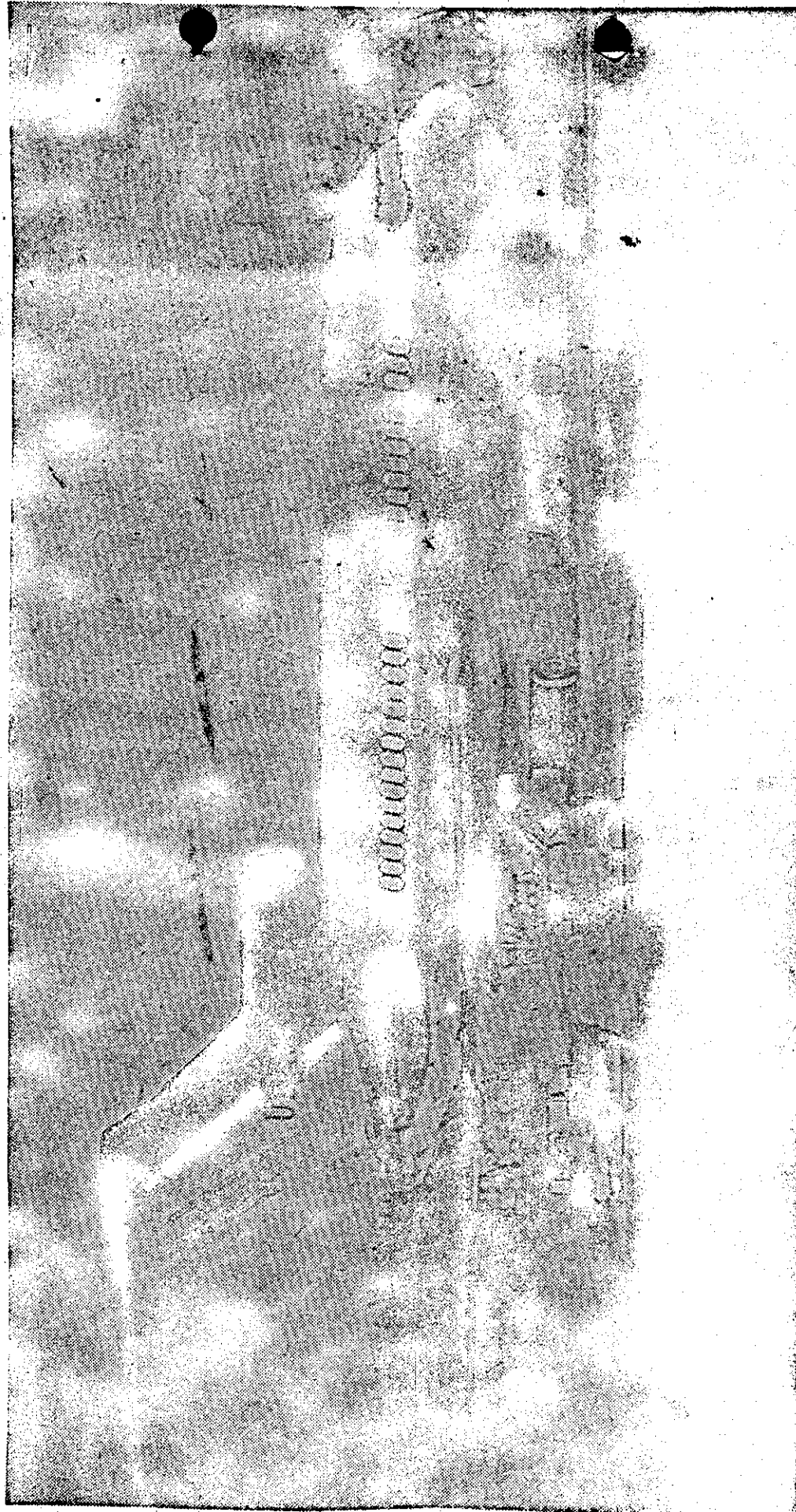
The hijacking was the seventh in just under five months involving parachutes and ransom in airline piracy. Only one other man, who gave his

name as "D. B. Cooper," is still at large.

"Cooper" bailed out of a Northwest Airlines 727 Nov. 25 somewhere between Seattle and Reno with \$200,000 of the airline's money.

Chief Evans speculated that the man was an experienced jumper who was familiar with the area. Others even wondered if "T. Johnson" and "D. B. Cooper" are one and the same. But "Cooper" had been described as six feet tall, while "Johnson" was described as five-feet-six.

The hijacked plane was flown to San Francisco Saturday about 6 p.m. with just a crew aboard, a UAL spokesman reported.



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Capt. Hearn, 17 years with UAL and planning to move to Salt Lake City soon, said the hijacker sent specific instructions to the cockpit and "the flight plan was similar to what we ourselves prepared." The captain never saw the hijacker. In fact, the hunted man apparently didn't leave his seat, sending pre-written instructions to the cockpit with Stewardess Dianne Surdam, 24, Los Angeles.

Other crew members with the hijacker after he had allowed 85 passengers to deplane in San Francisco were first officer Ken Bradley, second officer Kent Owen and stewardess Margie Newby, all from southern California. A third stewardess, D. K. Sugimoto, left the plane in San Francisco.

Capt. Hearn and Mr. Owen said the man did not verbally threaten anyone. But the series of notes "threatened destruction of the plane and himself," the captain said. The hijacker wrote he was armed with two guns, plastic explosives and a hand grenade. However, the stewardesses saw only one gun.

The crew's account of the hijacking came after this series of events:

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Western Airlines man passes out tickets home to hijacked United crewmen Ken Bradley, left, Dianne

Surdam, Margie Newby and Capt. Gerry Hearn. Second Officer Kent Owen was inside terminal.

The plane left Newark, N.J., for Los Angeles, stopping in Denver, where the hijacker boarded under the name of "T. Johnson." He was reported to be wearing mirrorlike dark glasses, a dark wig and a mustache.

He sent his first warning note and demands to the cockpit a few minutes after the plane left Denver, forcing the crew to fly to San Francisco.

The half million dollars was brought aboard and the passengers released unharmed.

Then began a zig-zag course over Nevada and Utah with just the gunman and the crew aboard. One of the parachutes reportedly was dropped between

Pioche and Ely, Nev., leading to reports that the man had bailed out. The crew reported the back door of the jet was open all the way from San Francisco and the craft was not pressurized.

Capt. Hearn said he could tell when the man jumped "by the characteristics of the airplane and its configuration." He said the man dumped out two chutes before leaving the plane.

Capt. Hearn landed the aircraft at Salt Lake City International Airport, shortly before midnight Friday. The man reportedly jumped around 11:30 p.m.

FBI agents and police cordoned off the airliner and a police demolition ex-

port, Frank Smith, participated in the search of the plane. No wreckage was found.

Rumors began to fly within minutes after the landing. One report was that a woman had seen a man parachute from a plane near Lehi, but law enforcement officers said there was no basis for the rumor.

Several reports were received that a helicopter landed near where the man was thought to have landed and had whisked the hijacker away.

Helicopter Flights

Brig. Gen. Van Hixson, deputy Utah adjutant general, said this rumor could have stemmed from a sighting of Utah National Guard helicopter flights. He said two helicopters transported FBI agents to the Provo area, touching down once at Nephi and once at Provo about 11:30. The general said the FBI contacted the Guard approximately an hour before, apparently sure the plane was headed for that area.

Utah Highway Patrol Dispatcher Ron Law, Provo, said Sanpete County Sheriff Grant Larsen, alerted by a report the aircraft was heading north from Cedar City, told him he saw a helicopter land twice at Nephi and once by Burton's Pond west of U.S. 91 midway between Mona and Nephi. The sheriff reportedly said the copter took off each time before he could get to it in his car.

Persistent Report

The most persistent report during the day was that Provo Police Chief Jesse Evans had announced lawmen had uncovered a lead and had a suspect. The chief later modified the statement to "possible suspect" and said his statements had been exaggerated.

Utah County Sheriff Ralph (Dick) Chapple said the report of a suspect was "just a rumor." He said his office had been receiving many reports which, when checked out, could not be substantiated.

The search fanned out from the Provo Airport at the west end of town for 60 miles to the southeast. This was the concentrated search area. However, helicopters also sought the hijacker all over Utah and Juab counties, down to Richfield and even in the Price area.

Many Agencies

Searchers represented the Utah Highway Patrol (in cars and planes), the Salt Lake and Utah County Sheriff Jeep Poses and FBI and other law enforcement agencies from throughout the area.

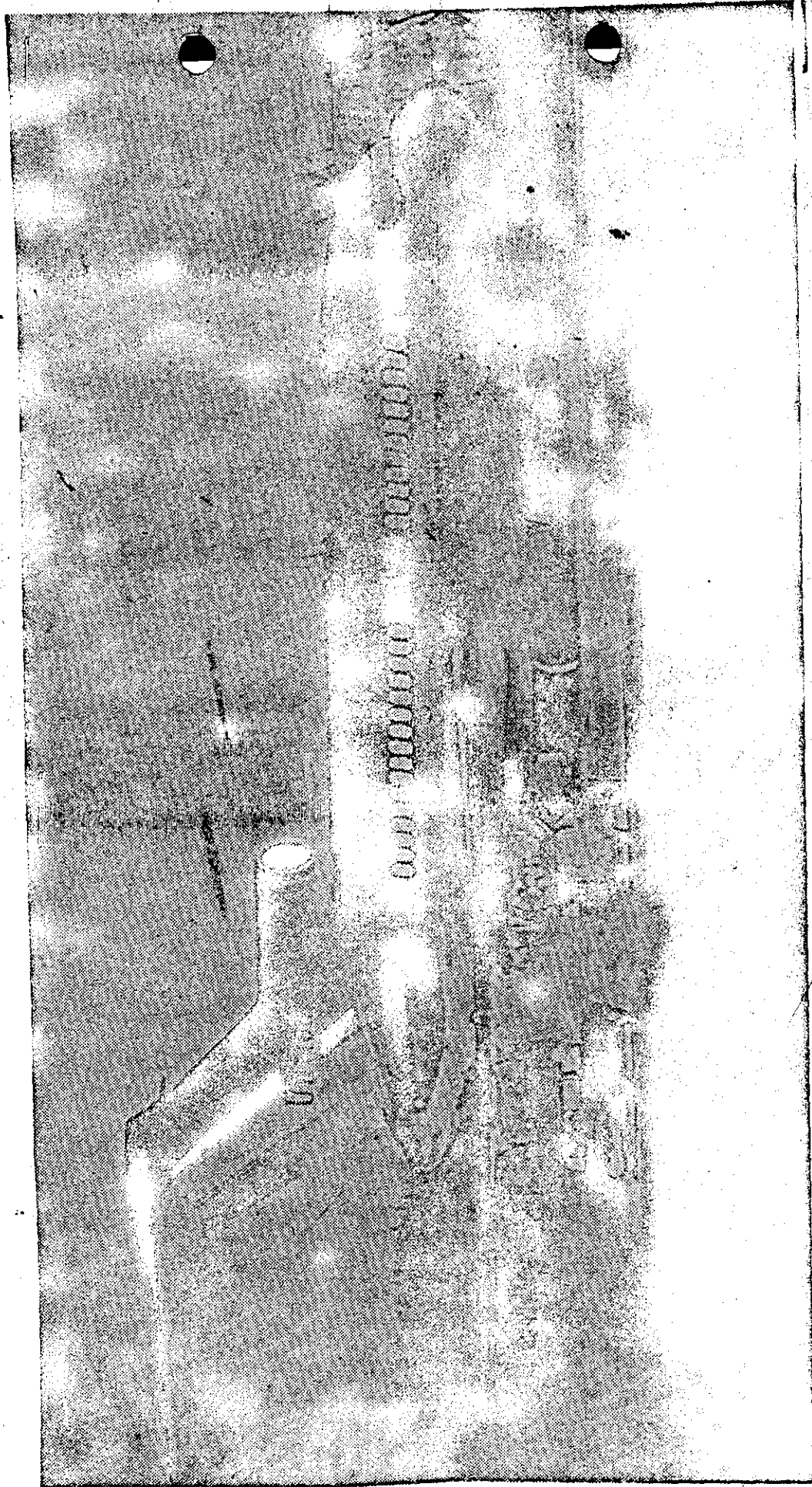
The hijacking was the seventh in just under five months involving parachutes and ransom in airline piracy. Only one other man, who gave his

name as "D. B. Cooper," is still at large.

"Cooper" bailed out of a Northwest Airlines 727 Nov. 25 somewhere between Seattle and Reno with \$200,000 of the airline's money.

Chief Evans speculated that the man was an experienced jumper who was familiar with the area. Others even wondered if "T. Johnson" and "D. B. Cooper" are one and the same. But "Cooper" had been described as six feet tall, while "Johnson" was described as five-feet-six.

The hijacked plane was flown to San Francisco Saturday about 6 p.m. with just a crew aboard, a UAL spokesman reported.



Police dog cars race toward hijacked | to a stop at the north end of Salt | day. Three officers, two steward- | The hijacker himself apparently
United Air Lines 727 after it rolled | Lake International Airport late Fri- | esses emerged fired but unharmed. | sailed out, is still being sought.

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Airlines Must Tighten Checks On Hijacks

Brace yourselves, air travelers, for more airplane hijackings for ransom.

For this risky new way of life in the skies, Americans can thank one D. B. Cooper. That's the name given by the man who parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines plane last November with \$200,000 in ransom money provided by the airline.

In the next two months after Cooper's apparently successful exploit, he was copied by five other hijackers — all of whom failed.

Just as the apprehension of previous hijackers did not stop an air pirate from bailing out of a United Airlines 727 over Utah Friday night with \$500,000 in ransom money, so the prompt arrest of a Provo man in that case early Sunday didn't stop another abortive hijacking attempt in California Sunday night. Who can tell how many imitators these latest hijackings will inspire?

Although the airlines provide the ransom money, it's ultimately the air travelers who pay for these hijackings. Higher costs of doing business must inevitably be passed along to the customer.

But money can always be replaced; lives can't. Over the years hijackings of American planes have caused seven deaths and a score of heart attacks.

Consequently, it's sheer stupidity for Americans to make a folk hero of "skyjackers," as was done with D. B. Cooper, since that amounts to glorifying someone who not only picks our pockets but is a potential mass murderer. For his own personal gain, the hijacker puts in jeopardy the lives of hundreds of passengers in the air and on the ground.

Sooner or later an aircraft is going to be lost with all the human lives it carries unless hijacking is stopped. But how, exactly, is it to be stopped? The problem defies easy answers.

One suggestion is that the airlines be prohibited by law from paying ransom money. If that really were sensible, ordinary kidnappings — let alone air piracy — could and would have been halted years ago.

Then there's individual inspection of each passenger and all luggage. But for decades airlines have sought to facilitate travel by reducing the time needed to get passengers and cargo on and off flights — something that would be impeded by individual searches.

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More to the point, with some 400,000 passengers flying each day in this country, such inspections would create really serious headaches.

Even so, there's room for wondering if the number of armed air marshals wasn't reduced too soon. The force of 1,200 marshals was recently reorganized to conform with the view that airline terrorism must be stopped on the ground, not in the sky. The new plan leaves only 200 marshals on flying status. Is that really enough?

Moreover, shouldn't there be more than just a single security check? When 86 passengers in Denver last weekend boarded the UAL plane that was later hijacked, the only security precaution was a check of passengers against a "profile" of hijacker characteristics. But shouldn't electronic devices also be employed to detect weapons as an extra precaution?

Maybe airline security precautions against hijacking can't be made fool-proof. But they certainly can be tightened.

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Richard McCoy Wears Fatigues To 'Embarrassing' Arraignment

By Craig A. Hansen
Tribune Staff Writer

"It's just embarrassing, let's face it," said 29-year-old Richard Floyd McCoy Jr., garbed in army fatigues during early minutes of his arraignment Sunday on two federal air hijacking charges.

He is charged with aircraft piracy and interference with flight attendant in connection with Friday's hijacking of a United Air Lines craft carrying 85 passengers and a crew of six. He is being held without bail in Salt Lake City-County Jail.

McCoy, limping slightly and hidden under a black shroud, was led into the front door of the U.S. Post Office by a half-dozen federal agents seconds after 8 a.m.

"I was going to drill this morning, that's why I have the uniform. I don't want to embarrass the National Guard or anything," he told U.S. Magistrate A. M. Ferro.

Earlier he said, "I'm sure my objection wouldn't mean very much," as Mr. Ferro was asked about news coverage of the arraignment.

The handcuffed suspect, whose shackles had been loosened earlier by FBI agent Charles Shepherd, was given the required notification of his constitutional rights by the magistrate. McCoy said he wanted a court-appointed attorney, and said his assets are two automobiles and a \$243 a month GI grant.

"But I'm sure that'll be terminated," he said.

McCoy answered the magistrate's questions in a soft voice, cupping his chin in his slender fingers and remaining calm. His slight build, sandy, receding hair and clean cut student appearance contrasts with the swarthy, bespectacled, moustached hijacker who parachuted with a \$500,000 ransom.

Proceedings were delayed 20 minutes as Mr. Ferro awaited formal complaints and warrants from U.S. Attorney C. Nelson Day. At that time, Mr. Shepherd allowed the defendant to change into a gray-vested suit in a separate room. He exited without handcuffs.

Looking at the magistrate's light oak desk, McCoy asked, "Is that all they can afford to give you?"

Typed complaints against McCoy were signed by FBI Agent William J. Geiermann before the magistrate. Mr. Day said the first charge can bring the death penalty, with a minimum sentence of 20 years. The other charge carries a maximum prison term of 20 years.

Mr. Ferro read and explained the six-page document to McCoy, who looked at the floor several times.

"Do I get a copy?" he queried. He did.

Mr. Ferro set April 19 at 2 p.m. for preliminary hearing.

After the session, Mr. Geiermann signed formal search warrants under oath, getting permission to examine McCoy's automobiles, house and personal property.

McCoy was booked at the Salt Lake City-County Jail.

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Now They're Chuckling

'Stop! We're Looking for a Hijacker'

By Irene Jones

Tribune Staff Writer

Thinking back to early Saturday morning, my husband and I have to chuckle about how scared we were when being questioned by the Utah Highway Patrol at a roadblock just north of Point-of-the-Mountain.

We were returning to our home in Salt Lake City about 1:15 a.m. after visiting friends in Orem. We hadn't been listening to the radio, and didn't know about the hijacker — "T. Johnson," — who reportedly bailed out of a 727 jet over Provo about 11:15 p.m. Friday.

My husband was asleep, and I was driving as we rounded the Point and saw the roadblock ahead. I was groggy from the late hour and the monotonous road just traveled when we pulled up to a stop.

Jerked Awake

My husband jerked awake as the officer greeted us with a flashlight in the face. I began fumbling in my pocket for my license, which I thought they wanted to see; and my husband wondered just what kind of a dream he was having.

"Where are you heading?" the unsmiling face queried.

"Ah, ah, Salt Lake City," I stammered.

"Where are you coming from," he demanded.

"Ah, un, Pleasant Grove, I mean Orem," I sputtered.

"Is the back of your truck open?" the officer asked. (We were in a pickup truck with a sleeper on the back.) He was beginning to smile now, probably because we had reacted so silly.

Checked Truck

Two officers checked the truck as we watched about 10 others stop approaching vehicles, question the motorists, open trunks and peer into back seats with flashlights.

"Have you seen any hitchhikers?" the patrolman wanted to know. No, we hadn't, but we had seen numerous flares going up over Utah Lake and Provo. "What

was going on?" we asked.

"We're looking for a hijacker," he said, smiling. He was almost laughing at us. "You're okay, you can go."

We were just two of hundreds of midnight travelers questioned by law enforcement officers Friday night all over Utah County. Roads in and around Provo — usually just a quiet college town — were blockaded, helicopters swarmed through the blackness, flares flashed over the sky and sirens screamed.

Near the shores of Utah

Lake, just outside of town, searchers with flashlights and police dogs trudged through the mudflats and others patrolled in boats.

More than 150 law enforcement officers helped in the search, but within a few hours most were sent home until daylight.

The search started in Provo after radio signals from the hijacker's rigged parachute indicated he landed somewhere in the mudflats, where a person can sink up to his neck.

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ACCOUNTS VARY

Normal, Nice, Anti-Mafia

PROVO — The man charged with Friday's \$500,000 hijack of a jetliner was described on the one hand Sunday as remarkably normal and decent, and on the other as an "organized crime freak," who wanted to break up the Mafia.

Richard F. McCoy, 29, Vietnam war veteran and sky-diver, taught a Sunday School class in the Provo First Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, until a month ago.

"He is a kind person," said Norm Cluff, a neighbor across the street from McCoy's brown brick home at 360 S. 200 East. "He would help you push your car out of the snow when no one else would. He is a quiet guy, but always friendly, always smiling."

McCoy majored in law enforcement at Brigham Young University.

"VERY UPSET" WITH MAFIA

Kris Peters, 20, who sat next to him in a police administration class last semester, described McCoy as an "organized crime freak," whose ambition was to "make his dent on the world" by busting crime syndicates. "All last semester he was very upset with the Mafia," Miss Peters said.

Kent Talbot, 16, Provo, a student in McCoy's Sunday School class, said his teacher was concerned with sin.

"All he ever talked about was sin. He would ask us what last week's lesson was about and we would always say 'sin,'" Talbot said.

Others didn't mention such a preoccupation, but described only his kindness.

"He is a very nice man," said Stephanie Matthews, 14, another member of the Sunday School class.

"A FINE MAN . . . TRUSTWORTHY"

Sherman Wall, McCoy's landlord and next-door neighbor, echoed Miss Matthews' sentiments. "He is a fine man," Wall said. "I don't believe he could be involved in such a thing. I wouldn't trust anyone if I couldn't trust McCoy."

The quiet residential neighborhood where McCoy, his wife Karen and two children, Chante, 5, and Richard, 2, reside took on a garish carnival atmosphere Sunday.

Inhabited by elderly people and young couples with children, the neighborhood was packed with newspaper and television newsmen, who camped in front of the

McCoy home.

In addition, curiosity seekers drove down the street in front of the McCoy home in a steady stream throughout the afternoon, as if on a sight-seeing tour.

FBI agents conducted a search of the home behind drawn curtains and blinds and also dug up a compost heap behind the house, keeping newsmen and others away from the scene. They also searched two cars on the premises.

Mrs. McCoy was treated for shock at Utah Valley Hospital in the morning, but was briefly home again in the afternoon. She later left the scene in the automobile of her LDS Bishop John Mathews.

As might be the case with anyone, McCoy is seen differently by various neighbors and friends. While some people regard him as particularly quiet, others disagree.

"He is so sociable — such a nice person," said Mrs. Norma Morgan, neighbor and a fellow member of the Provo First Ward.

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Deputy Marshal Jerry M. Smith, rear, escorts hijack suspect Richard McCoy, carrying Guard uniform McCoy wore at arrest.

taken to Salt Lake City, an FBI agent indicated a news release was being prepared for clearance in Washington, D.C.

Later No Release Expected

However, at 8:40 p.m., an agent would say only that "we have no release at the present time and we are not anticipating one right now."

Russell P. Calame, Salt Lake City agent in charge, was reported not in his office. His wife said he was not home and that if he was not at the office she did not know where he was.

The FBI office in Washington said late Sunday night there would be no further release on any information regarding the hijacking until Monday.

Provo police said the hijacker landed at Provo Airport on the west end of town and got into a green Volkswagen bearing North Carolina license plates.

They said McCoy had not been at home for two days. The residence had been under FBI surveillance from early Saturday afternoon until the arrest, police said. Sunday a green Volkswagen with North Carolina license plates was parked at the rear of the McCoy residence.

Maj. Gen. Maurice L. Watts, Utah adjutant general, said McCoy is a warrant

officer-2, listed as an "army aviator," and flying helicopters. He was assigned to Headquarters, Headquarters Co., 115th Engineer Group, Murray.

Viewed as 'A Good Man'

The general said he had little personal knowledge of the suspect, adding, "As far as we were concerned he was a good man."

McCoy is charged with aircraft piracy (with a maximum penalty of death), and "interference with flight attendant."

The FBI would not add comments to a release issued shortly after the arrest by J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, and Richard G. Kleindeinst, acting U.S. attorney general, except to say the money had not been recovered.

However, the detailed complaint indicated the real break in the case came from an FBI interview with Utah Highway Patrol Trooper Robert Van Ieperen, Salt Lake City.

Trooper 'Close Acquaintance'

The trooper, according to the complaint, told Special FBI Agent James L. Theisen that he (the trooper) was a "close acquaintance" of McCoy's, that McCoy is a skydiver who jumps at the Alta Air Park near Sandy on a regular basis, "flies frequently and is very familiar with Federal Aviation Administration flight plan forms and has access to them; and that McCoy has several pistols and in view of his past military experience it would be possible for McCoy to have a hand grenade."

The agent said Trooper Van Ieperen told him McCoy told the trooper "It would be possible for someone to hijack a plane and get away with it by carrying his own parachute on the plane and that if he (McCoy) were to hijack a plane he would demand at least \$500,000."

Call From Sister-in-Law

The trooper also said a sister-in-law of the suspect telephoned him the night of the hijacking (Friday) "and asked if McCoy were on a mission of some sort."

The woman, not identified, called the trooper again Friday about 11:30 p.m.

(approximately the time the hijacker was bailing out of the plane over Provo) and said McCoy was not home and that she was "scared to death as McCoy had tried to get her to help him on a hijacking," the complaint read.

The complaint also alleges handwriting on a series of notes sent to the cockpit with a stewardess, with demands and threats by the skyjacker, matched McCoy's handwriting in his official military records. The complaint based the connection on a report from Palmer G. Tunstall, a document examiner with the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C.

Descriptions Different

McCoy did not appear at all like the description provided by the hijacked jet's crew after the incident. He has thinning sandy hair, a light complexion and is clean-shaven. The crew reported the hijacker as being dark, wearing dark glasses, a wig and a mustache.

Friends and acquaintances contacted described McCoy as a quiet, soft-spoken, friendly man who, as far as they knew, had not been in any trouble. That was the report from a skydriver instructor, BYU law enforcement instructor and others who knew the suspect. His father, Richard Floyd McCoy, contacted in Raleigh, said he feels his son is innocent. "He's not that kind of boy," Mr. McCoy said.

Termed a Good Student

He was described as a good student and an average but not expert skyjumper.

Neighbors said he formerly was a Sunday school teacher for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The skyjacking episode began Friday at 2:36 p.m., MST, as UAL Flight 835 — which originated in Newark, N.J., but stopped in Denver where the armed hijacker boarded — was about 40 miles northwest of Grand Junction, Colo., when the bandit handed the first of several pre-written notes to Stewardess Diane M. Surdam, Los Angeles, according to the complaint.

The complaint alleges the suspect displayed a hand grenade and handed an envelope containing a bullet and a gre-

nade pin to Mrs. Surdam. In the envelope, too, was "a written note stating 'grenade — pin pulled — pistol,' and a flight plan on a regular FAA form directing the pilot to fly said aircraft to San Francisco."

Other crew members were Capt. Gerry Hearn, Los Angeles, and First Officer Ken Bradley, Second Officer Kent Owen and Stewardesses Margie Newby and D. K. Sugimoto, all from southern California.

The complaint charges several other notes of a threatening nature and containing instructions for ransom payment of \$500,000 and four parachutes were handed to Mrs. Surdam for delivery to Capt. Hearn.

New Instructions

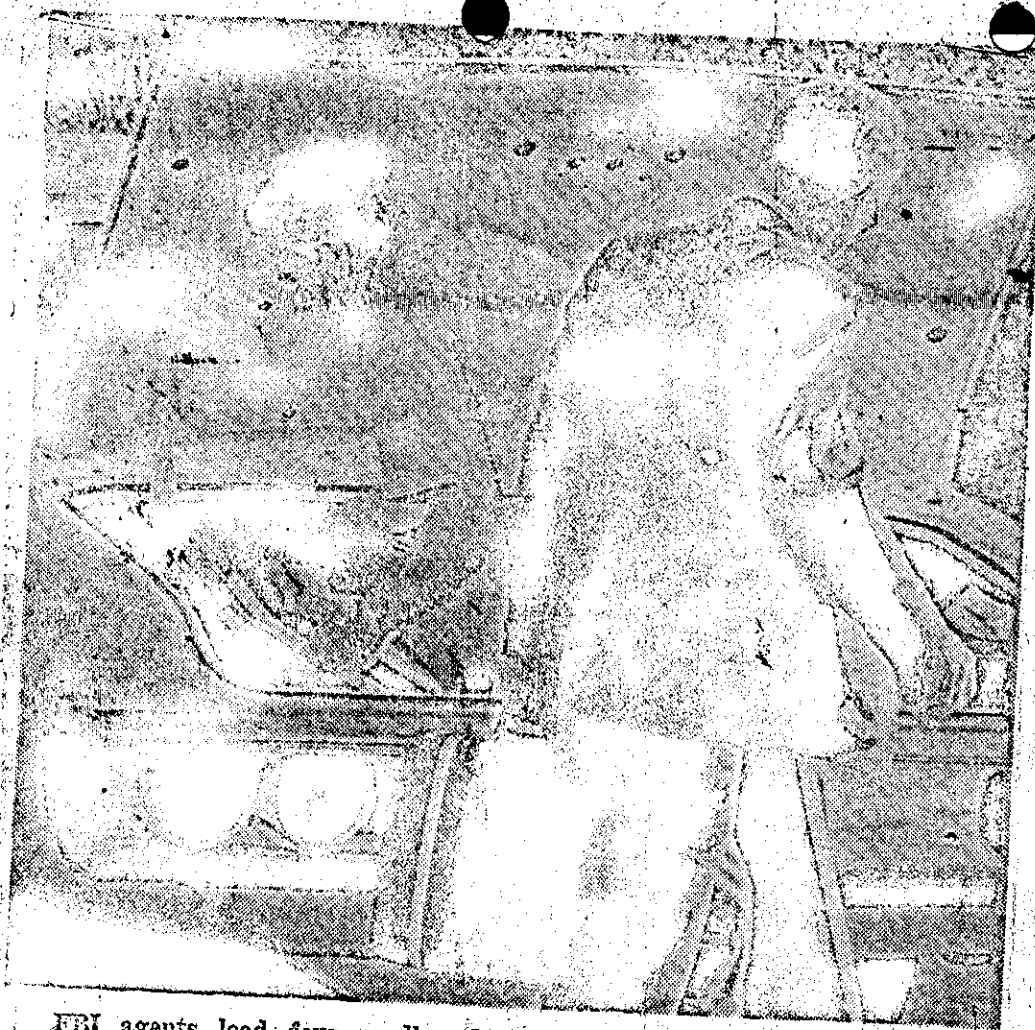
The captain piloted the craft to San Francisco instead of Los Angeles and received further instructions in the same manner — six hours' fuel, all passengers and their luggage off the plane (Miss Sugimoto left also) and the loading of the ransom and parachutes.

The complaint states Mrs. Surdam was ordered by the hijacker to return all notes and flight plans but that she was able to retain a hand-printed message reading: "Everybody off now except stewardess (es). They stay put. Get the hell off the gd (ground)!! Be quick about it — use this runway."

The five remaining personnel and the hijacker then flew over Tonapah, Nev.; Marysville, Piute County; Fairfield, Utah County; and easterly toward Price, the complaint stated.

"A few minutes (about 11:15 p.m.) after turning toward Price, the said person (the hijacker) was no longer in the airplane and she (Mrs. Surdam) believed that he had parachuted out with the money" through an open rear entrance-way, the complaint continued.

Mrs. Surdam told the FBI, according to the complaint, that one note stated that if a chase plane were observed "the said male passenger would set a charge to detonate and that the male passenger would then parachute prior to the charge detonating and before the captain could land the plane."



FBI agents load four cardboard boxes and two black overnight bags marked as evidence. They were taken from suspect's home Sunday.

Reports Warning

She also was reported in the complaint to have said that if any of the crew, "particularly either of the stewardesses, turned around to observe the said male passenger in the cabin that 'it would be a long fall without a parachute.' "

Air Force planes did follow the jetliner, and the airliner copilot watched the hijacker don a jump suit before leaping.

McCoy's apprehension climaxed a search starting late Friday night and extending to late Saturday in several Utah counties.

Several reports were received Saturday that there were leads to the case, that a suspect was known and that his name was "McCoy" or "Coy."

The FBI refused to confirm them, however, and indicated late Saturday afternoon the search had shifted from the Provo area. Helicopters, planes, boats and scores of motor vehicles were used by more than 200 law enforcement officers.

At one time — early Saturday — road blockades were posted and there even was some house-to-house searching. At day's end, about the only positive statement available from the search-directing FBI was that a suspect had not been taken into custody.

Confronted by photographers, flanked by McCoy Jr., wears handcuffs in handcuffs. At right is Deputy Jerry M. Smith, and be-
U.S. man is, bigack suspect, Richard E. Marshall at left is Royal K. Butters. At hind Smith is Deputy Marshal John M. Sybar.





Arrow points out Karen McCoy, wife of hijack suspect, as FBI agents escort her back into their Provo home. She had been staying next door. Sympathetic friends, neighbors look on.



FBI agents dig up back yard at 360 S. 200 East, Provo, where suspect in \$500,000 airplane hi-

jacking lives. Agents were searching for money, parachutes and weapons involved in the hijack.

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Speed of FBI and Police Meritorious, But Barn Should Have Been Locked

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are to be congratulated for the quickness with which they have apparently written "closed" to the nation's most expensive aerial hijacking. Within 48 hours after the chilling episode began in the skies Friday near Grand Junction, Colo., the FBI arrested a suspect and recovered nearly \$500,000 purported to be the ransom surrendered to a hijacker at San Francisco International Airport.

While congratulations are properly due the FBI, as well as other law enforcement officers and agencies, for their speedy resolution of the matter, the whole incident remains a case of locking barn doors after the thief has visited. The hijacking should never have happened.

The very fact that it did can only lead to the conclusion that either the airlines are not taking serious note of the recent security precautions ordered by the Federal Aviation Administration or the prescribed precautions are ineffective. From reports of the recent experience of persons who frequently travel by air it would appear the airlines are not persistent enough in executing the precautions.

Since March 9, when President Nixon ordered immediate implementation of already promulgated FAA security regulations on passenger screening and carry-on luggage, we have heard of no one boarding an airliner being required to undergo a body search, a procedure commonly used on some European airlines. Even where searches of carry-on luggage are made they seem to be done very haphazardly.

There seems little evidence that even

the most cursory search was made of passengers aboard the Boeing 727 involved in the hijacking that reached its conclusion over Provo late Friday. A search of all carry-on luggage would have revealed the presence of the gun or guns used, whether the hijacker was carrying his own parachute on board, or if the man had any plastic type explosives with him.

If the airlines are reluctant to invoke more stringent pre-boarding security measures because they don't want to inconvenience customers, they are being shortsighted. It is hard to imagine a greater inconvenience than being forced, along with 84 other passengers, to sit at the end of a runway for several hours while a hijacker in effect has a gun pointed at your head, waiting for a plane to be refueled and \$500,000 in ransom gathered and brought to the airport.

The American traveling public is entitled to be reasonably certain that when they board an airliner they will reach their destination safely and conveniently. As the situation now stands, such is not the case. Passengers have no assurances the person sitting next to them won't suddenly be the captain of the ship, instead of the man up front.

The FAA has ordered the precautions. The airlines must follow them to the letter and do so immediately. The precautions might be a little extreme, but compliance with the demands of a hijacker is more extreme. If forced to choose between the extremes we will opt for a more complete search of our luggage, yes, even of our persons, rather than risk being blasted out of the skies by some hijacker.

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On 4/8/72, [redacted]
[redacted] Ocean Springs, Miss., telephonically contacted the Jackson Office. [redacted] advised that he had been reading newspaper articles regarding captioned hijacking. He further stated that he is acquainted with one [redacted] (phonetic) [redacted] who resides in the Salt Lake City area. [redacted] advised that [redacted] has bragged in the past about being in trouble with the FBI in Indiana for bank robbery and numerous other local armed robbery offenses. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was constantly planning wild schemes to obtain money and that it is very feasible that he would perpetrate an act such as the referenced hijacking.

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[redacted] stated he does not know [redacted] exact address, but that [redacted] has an [redacted] (phonetic) [redacted] who resides in the [redacted] Salt

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Lake City, telephone number [redacted] He advised that
[redacted] is known to [redacted] Salt Lake.
He stated he does not know whether [redacted] has had any prior
parachute training or ability. He described [redacted] as being
white male, approximately [redacted] six feet two
inches, 200 - 210 pounds, grey hair.

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The above is submitted for the information of
Salt Lake City and any action which they deem necessary.

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Date: 4/16/72

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) (1)

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., AKA; CAA-HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE
WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS. oo:SU.

ON APRIL FOURTEEN, LAST, FGJ, USDC, CENTRAL DIVISION, SALT
LAKE CITY, UTAH, RETURNED INDICTMENT (TRUE BILL) CHARGING SUBJECT
MC COY IN VIOLATION T FOUR NINE, SEC. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO (I) USC
(AIRCRAFT PIRACY) AND T FOUR NINE, SEC. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO (J),
USC (INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT ATTENDANTS). SUBJECT SCHEDULED FOR
ARRAIGNMENT MONDAY APRIL SEVENTEEN, NEXT BEFORE [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] USDC, CENTRAL DIVISION, SALT LAKE CITY.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF OUTCOME OF ARRAIGNMENT. b7C

END.

SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

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*Admission by person
by R/S re suicidal tendencies*

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Approved: SAC/John C. [signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: April 14, 1972

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(Priority)

To: SACs Salt Lake City (164-36) (Enclosures 4)
San Francisco (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CURRENCY LISTS
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - PIRACY

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Enclosed for Salt Lake City are four copies of the currency list submitted by the San Francisco Division in this case. One copy is enclosed for the San Francisco Division.

Salt Lake City should utilize this list which is described generally as follows:

Total dollar value of the lists received was \$420,000 made up of 2,000 \$100 bills; 10,000 \$20 bills; and 2,000 \$10 bills. Because some of the entries were illegible or invalid, it was necessary to omit 34 bills. The total value of the bills appearing on the computer listings is \$418,960. Due to the poor quality of the Xerox copies received, the legibility of some of the serial numbers was questionable and was resolved by exercising reasonable judgment. A detailed list of these items will be maintained by the Voucher-Statistical Section.

The handprinted lists did not contain series year for a large number of the \$100 bills and very few of the other bills contained the series year letter.

Salt Lake City should utilize this list in handling the money recovered in captioned case.

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Sent Via _____ M

April 12, 1972,

The U. S. District Attorney,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Sir:

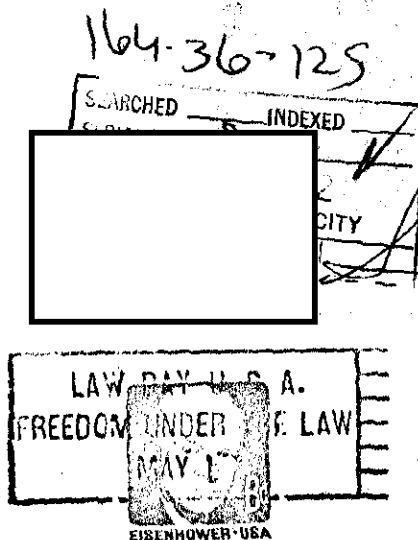
Just as a matter of curiosity I am wondering if you have considered the possibility of a connection between last weekend's ransom-hijack of a United Air Lines Plane and the similar ransom-hijack several weeks ago in the Oregon-Washington area.

Yours truly,

13-13-13

Answering assuredly yes.

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U. S. District Attorney,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

SAC FBI, SLC, Utah
125 So State St, SLC

Saturday - April 15, 1972

The above unsigned letter was received today in this office and is being forwarded for your file and such action if any
U.S. Attorney

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. **164-36**
 FBI FILE NO.
 LATENT CASE NO. **A-51886**

April 14, 1972TO: **SAC, Salt Lake City****UNSUB... AKA**

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RE: **UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER 855**
DENVER, COLORADO TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
4/7/72
CAA - HIJACKING

REFERENCE: **Airtels 4/8/72**
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Salt Lake City**
 SPECIMENS:

Hand printed note, Q1
Three pilots' preflight check lists, Q2, Q3 and Q11
Two pieces of wire, Q4
Six seatbelts, Q5 through Q10
One film pack
Ten lifts
Pieces of mirror
Numerous other miscellaneous items

Q specimens further described in separate Laboratory report.

This report confirms and supplements Butelcal and Butel of 4/9/72.

Specimens examined and forty-two latent

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John Edgar Hoover,

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fingerprints, two of which are lower joint impressions, and ten latent palm prints present or developed as follows:

- One fingerprint Q1
- Three fingerprints Q2
- One fingerprint Planters peanut bag, envelope #3
- Fourteen fingerprints and five palm prints
- "Mainliner" magazine designated #1, envelope #3
- Four fingerprints "Mainliner" magazine designated #2, envelope #3
- One palm print air sickness bag marked "Seat 20E," envelope #4
- Three fingerprints air sickness bag marked "Seat 20F," envelope #4
- Three fingerprints American Cancer Society pamphlet, envelope #4
- One fingerprint United Air Lines Air Atlas marked "Seat 20E," envelope #4
- Two fingerprints "Mainliner" magazine marked "Seat 20D," envelope #4
- Four fingerprints and one palm print "Mainliner" magazine marked "Seat 20F," envelope #4
- Four fingerprints business card in name "Jim Kilpatric," envelope #5
- One fingerprint Kool cigarette package, envelope #5
- One fingerprint on plastic cup, envelope #7
- One palm print negatives #1 and #2 from film pack
- Two palm prints two lifts marked "19D"

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No latent prints of value present or developed remaining specimens.

See attached page for results of comparisons of two latent fingerprints.

Thirty-eight latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr., U. S. Army service #RA14796789, FBI #919406J2.

Two latent fingerprints of lower joint areas compared, insofar as possible, available fingerprints McCoy, but no identification effected. Major case prints needed for conclusive comparisons these two prints and comparison latent palm prints.

Lifts and negatives of no value destroyed. Remaining specimens retained pending instructions for disposition.

Your File No. 164-36
Latent Case No. A-51886

April 14, 1972

RE: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., FBI #919406J2

Two latent fingerprints developed on the back of an April 1972 issue of "Mainliner" magazine marked "Seat 20D" from your envelope #4, have been identified as finger impressions of McCoy.